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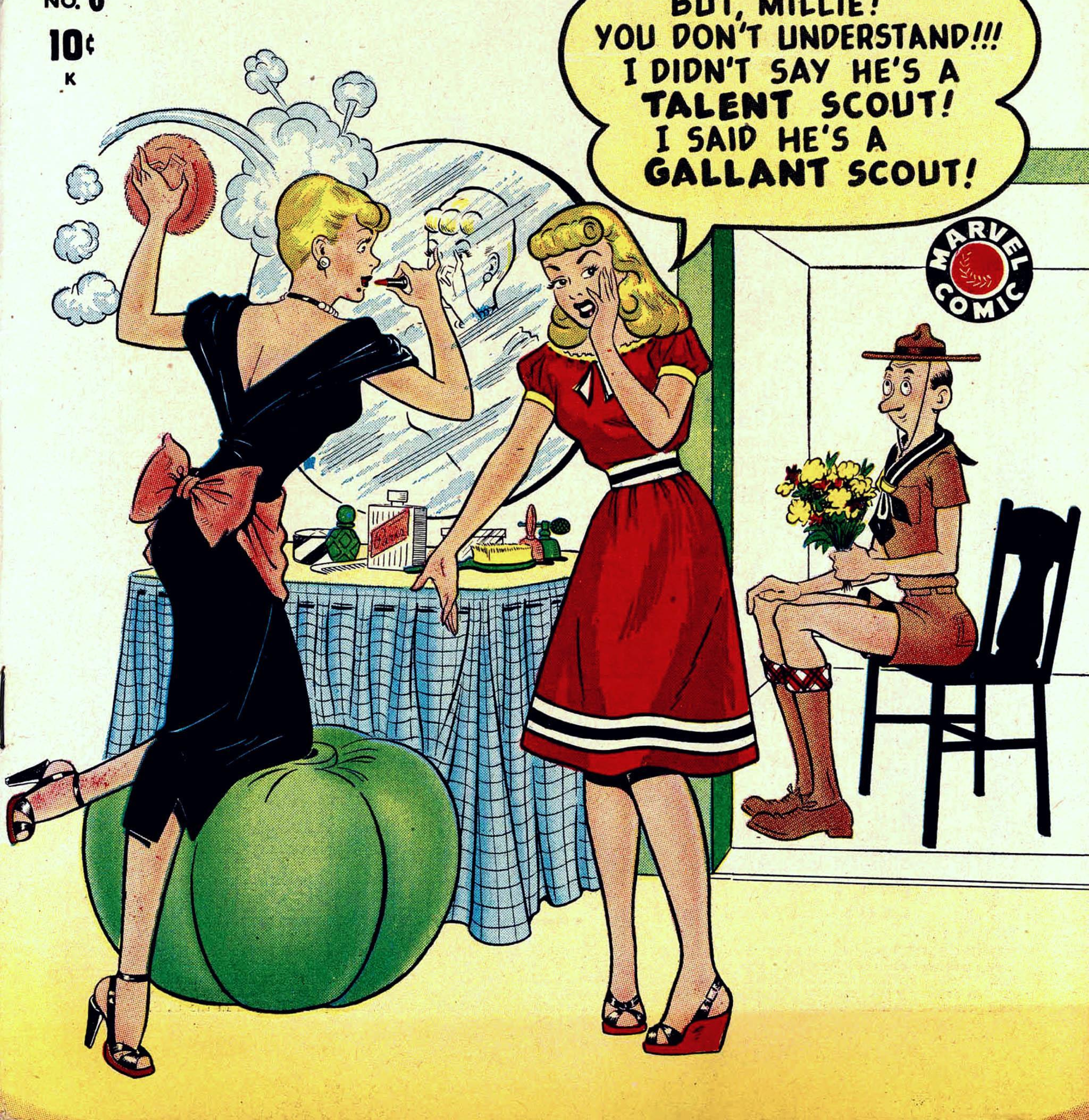
BUT, MILLIE! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!!! I DIDN'T SAY HE'S A **TALENT SCOUT**! I SAID HE'S A **GALLANT SCOUT**!
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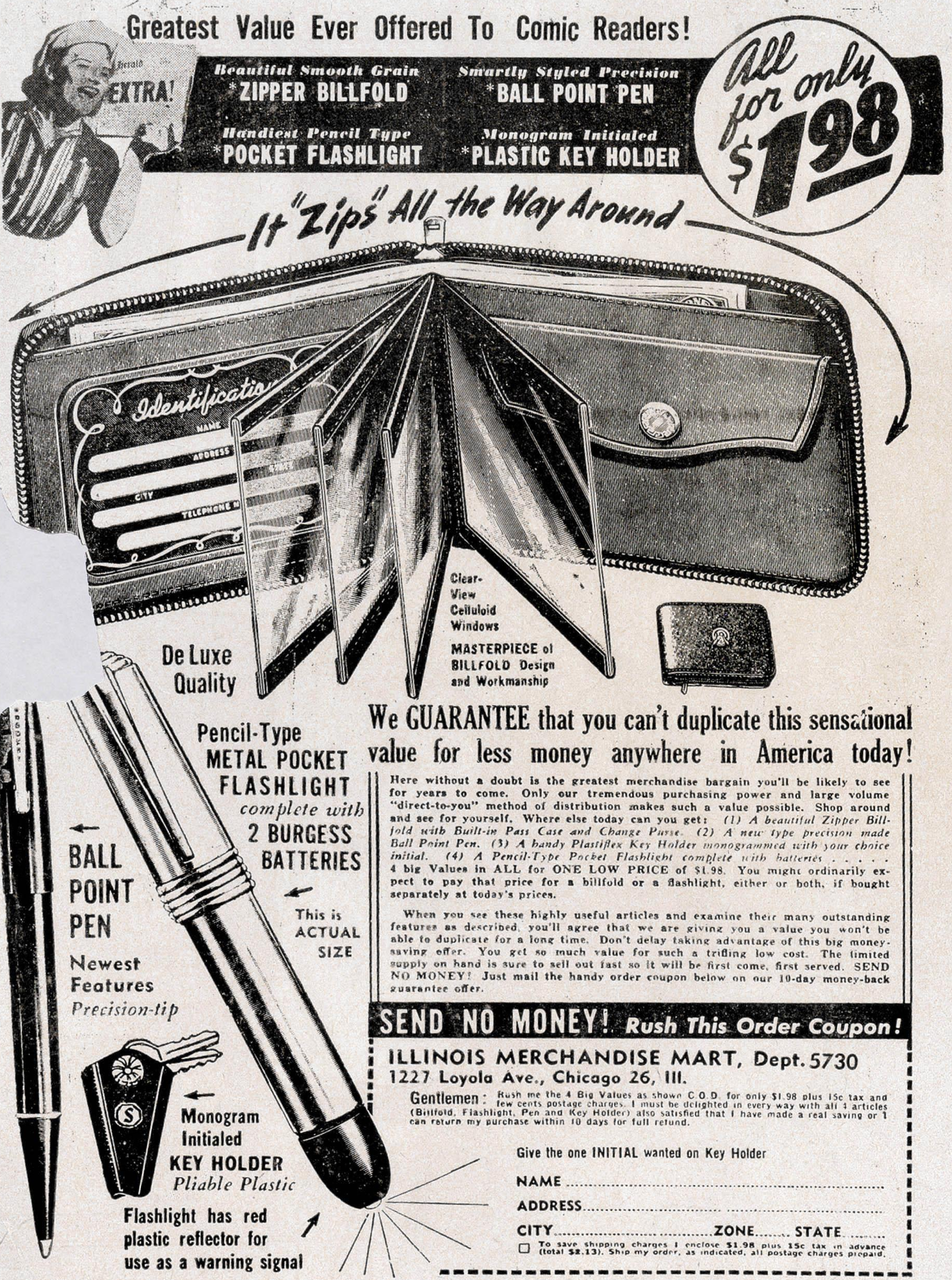

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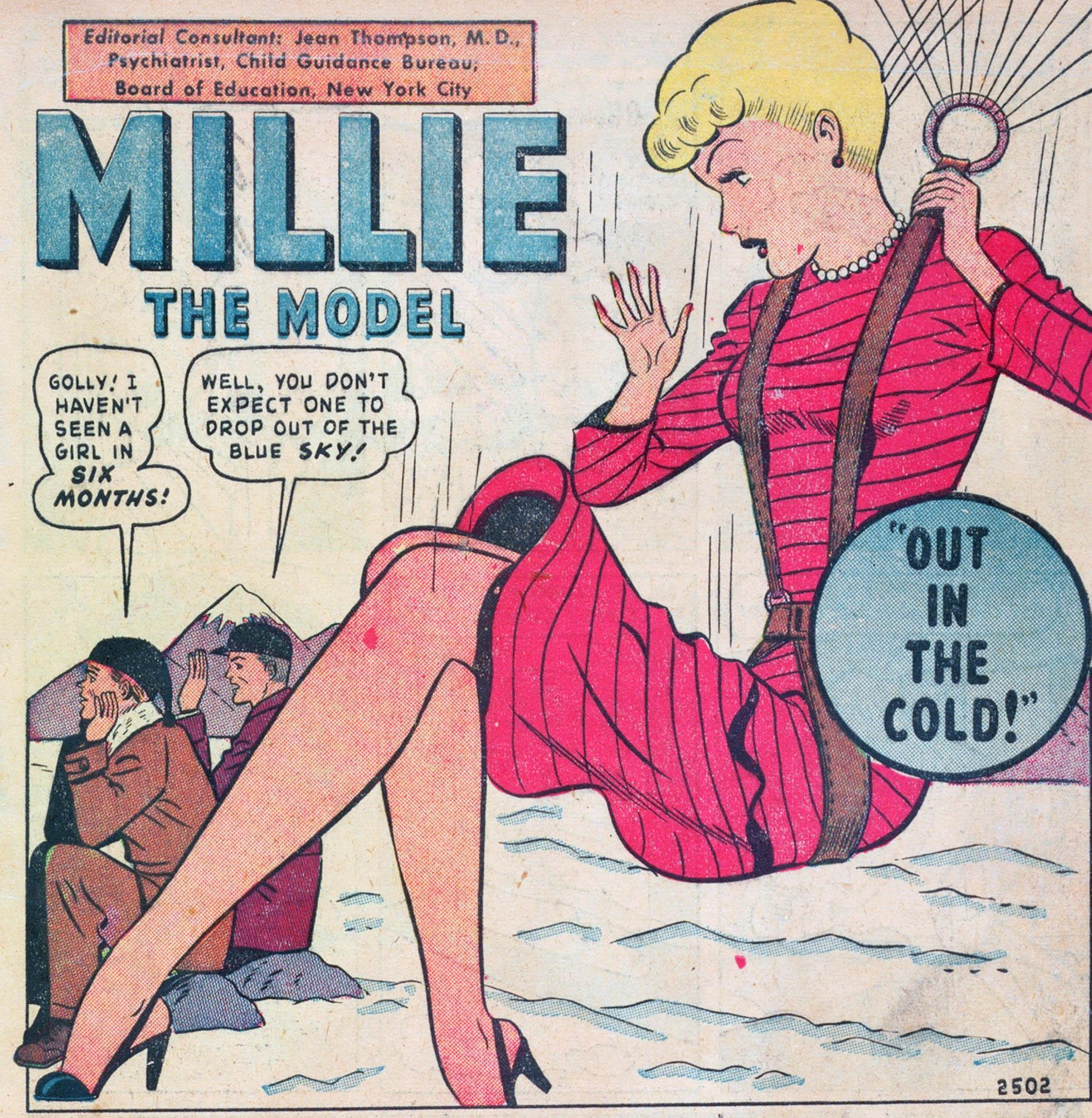
MILLIE THE MODEL

"OUT IN THE COLD!"


GOLLY! I HAVEN'T SEEN A GIRL IN *SIX MONTHS!*
WELL, YOU DON'T EXPECT ONE TO DROP OUT OF THE BLUE *SKY!*
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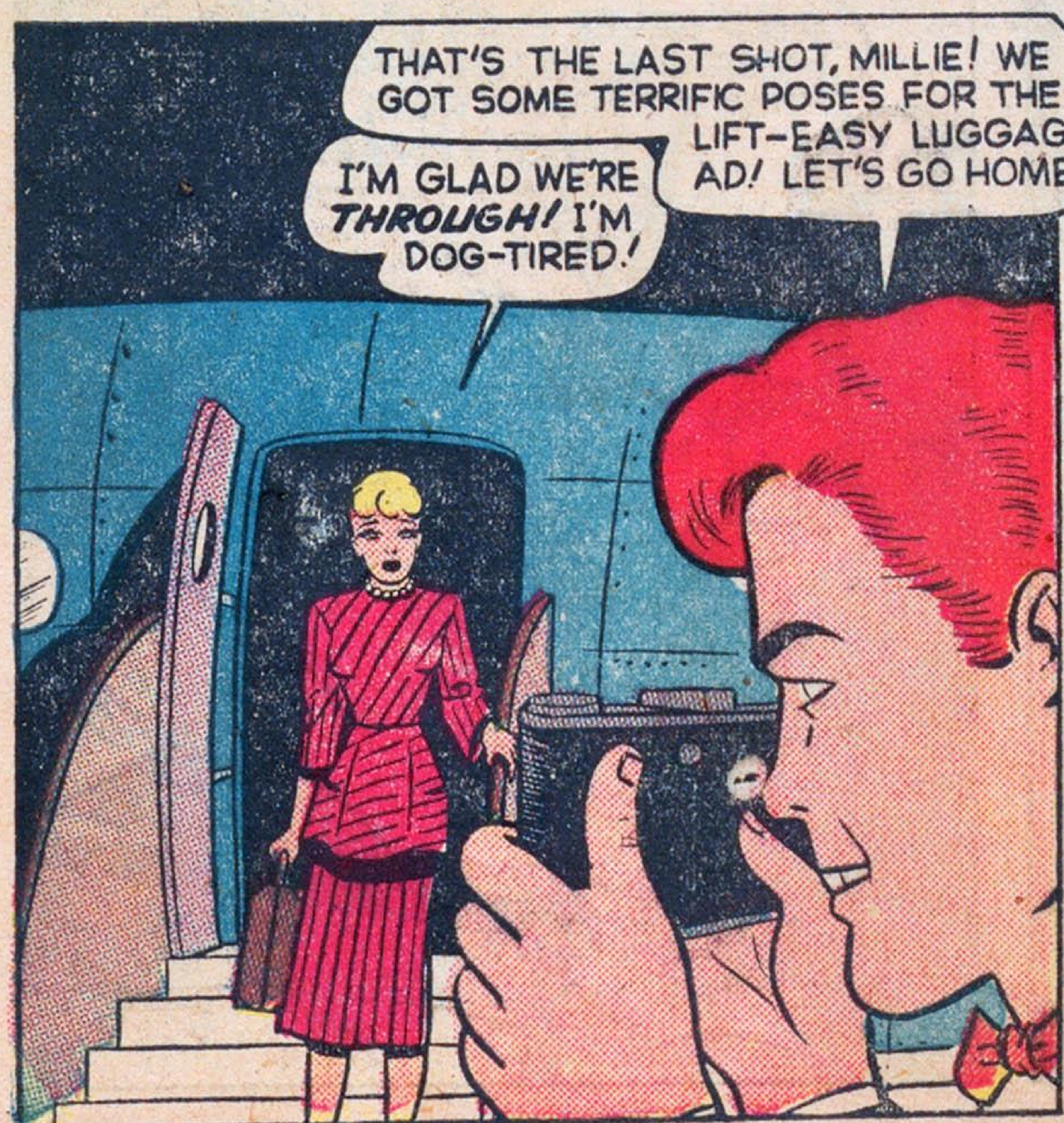
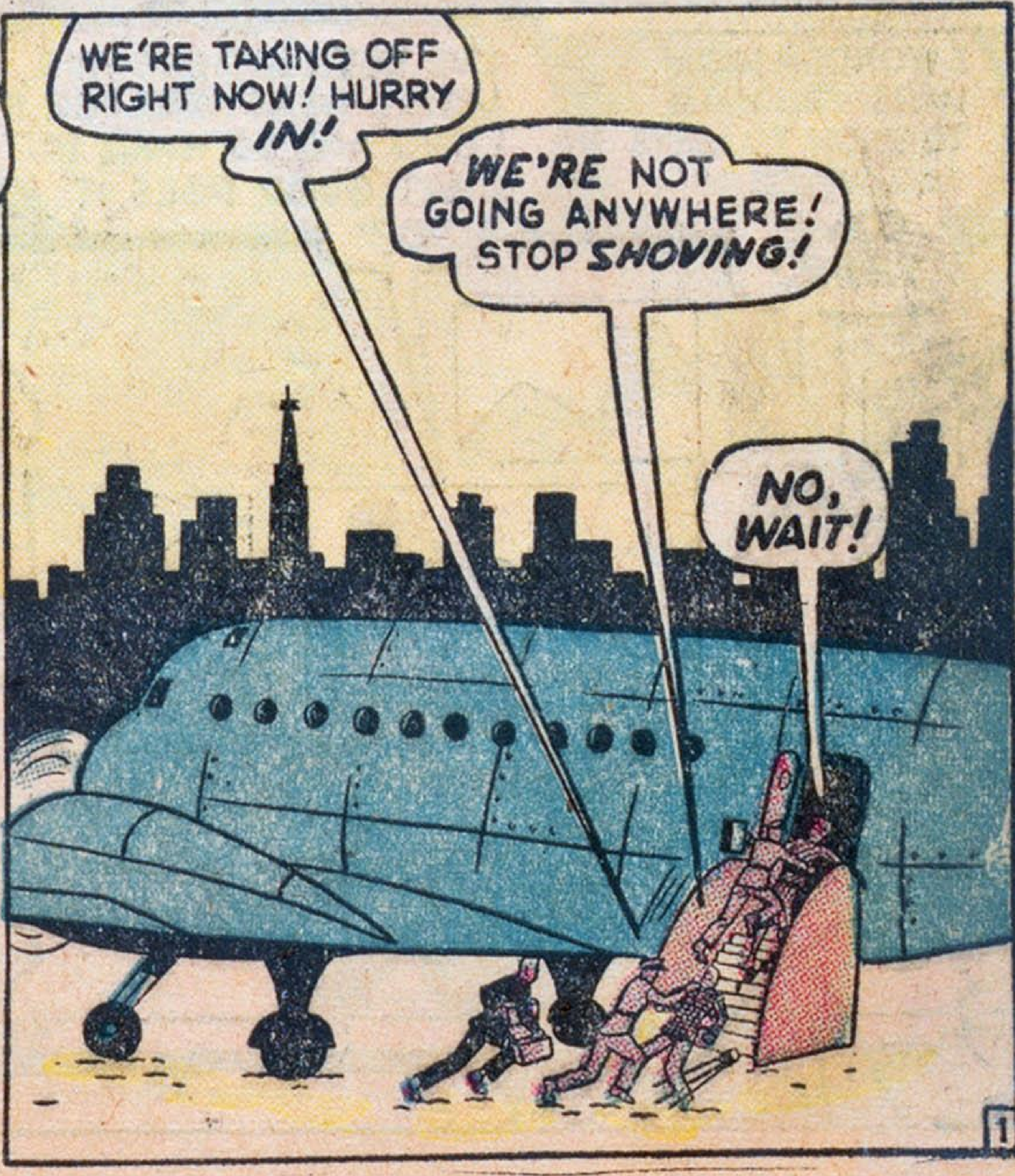

THAT'S THE LAST SHOT, MILLIE! WE GOT SOME TERRIFIC POSES FOR THE LIFT-EASY LUGGAGE AD! LET'S GO HOME!
I'M GLAD WE'RE *THROUGH!* I'M DOG-TIRED!


WE'RE TAKING OFF RIGHT NOW! HURRY *IN!*
WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE! STOP *SHOVING!*
NO, WAIT!
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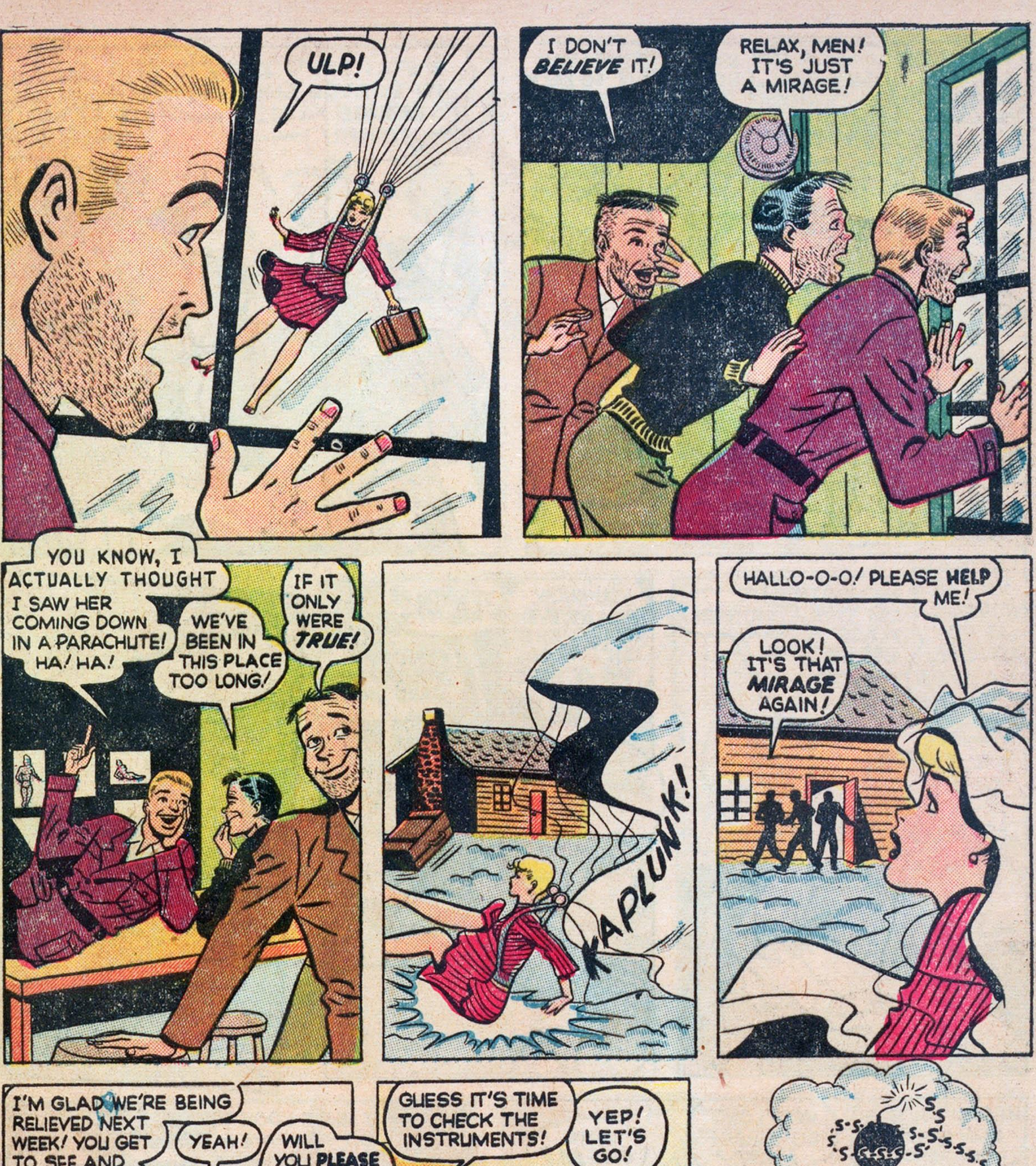
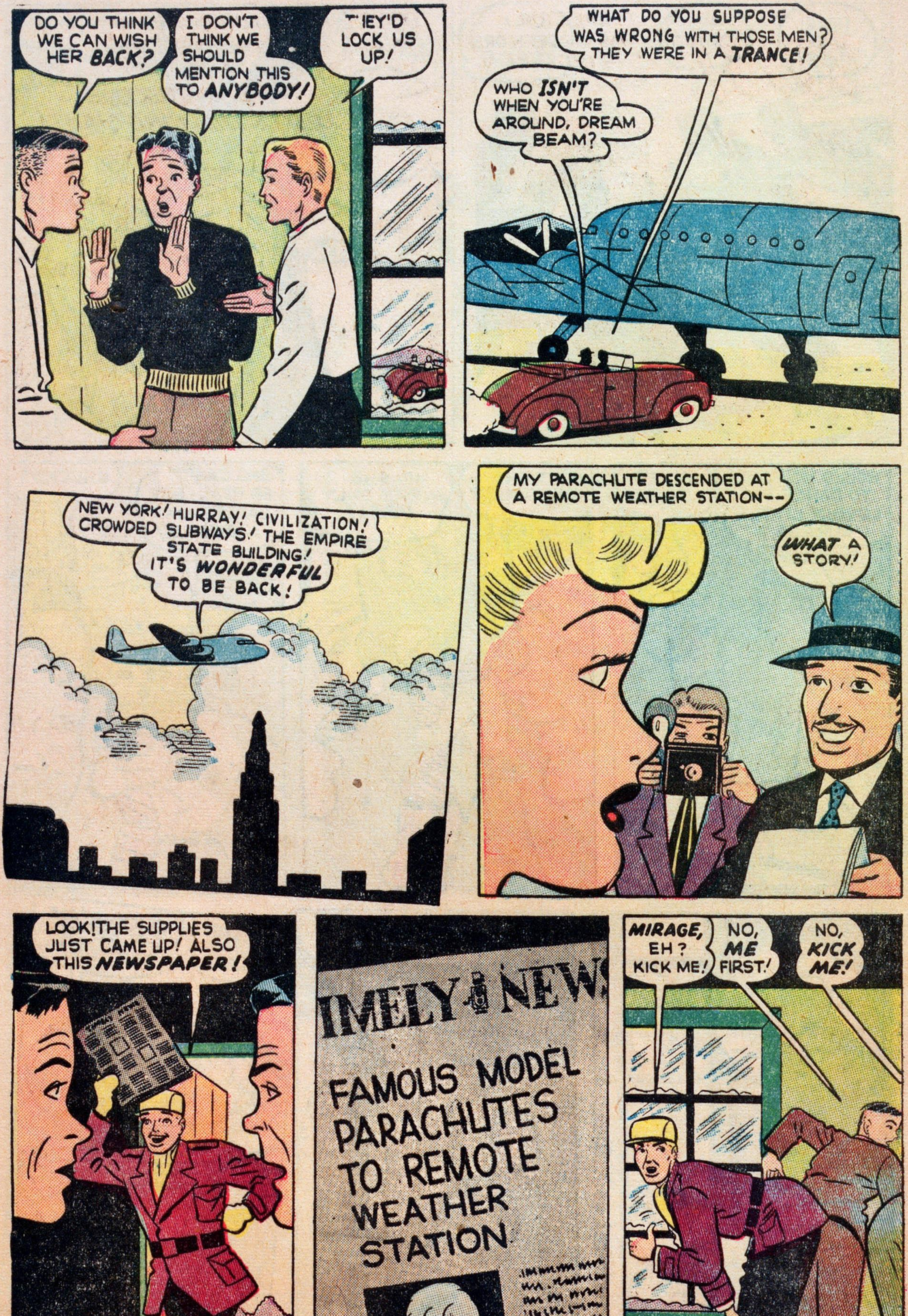
LET ME OUT! I WANT TO GO HOME!
YOU MUST TAKE US BACK TO NEW YORK!
THIS IS ALL A MISTAKE!
WE CAN'T LAND! THIS IS A NON-STOP FLIGHT TO NORTHERN CANADA!
WELL, HONEY, I GUESS WE'RE STUCK!
BUT IT WILL BE FREEZING, CLICKER, AND I HAVE NO WARM CLOTHES!
I SIMPLY CAN'T STAY ON THIS PLANE ANY LONGER!
MILLIE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? COME BACK!
MEANWHILE BELOW...
I WONDER HOW HARD YOU HAVE TO WISH TO MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
I'VE BEEN WISHING THIS MODEL WERE HERE FOR SO LONG AND SO HARD, BUT WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO?
SHE'D NEVER SHOW UP IN THIS MISERABLE EXCUSE FOR A WEATHER STATION! WE'RE TALKING NONSENSE!


ULP!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
RELAX, MEN! IT'S JUST A MIRAGE!
YOU KNOW, I ACTUALLY THOUGHT I SAW HER COMING DOWN IN A PARACHUTE! HA! HA!
WE'VE BEEN IN THIS PLACE TOO LONG!
IF IT ONLY WERE TRUE!
KAPLUNK!
HALLO-O-O! PLEASE HELP ME!
LOOK! IT'S THAT MIRAGE AGAIN!
I'M GLAD WE'RE BEING RELIEVED NEXT WEEK! YOU GET TO SEE AND HEAR SUCH FUNNY THINGS!
YEAH!
WILL YOU PLEASE COME AND HELP ME!
GUESS IT'S TIME TO CHECK THE INSTRUMENTS!
YEP! LET'S GO!
THEY MUST SEE ME! WHY WON'T THEY HELP ME?
S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S

PERSISTENT MIRAGE, ISN'T IT?
I KNOW IT ISN'T REAL, BUT WHY DOESN'T IT *DISAPPEAR?*
I'M FREEZING! YOU DON'T HAVE TO ***TALK*** TO ME BUT AT ***LEAST*** YOU COULD LEND ME A COAT!
I STILL DON'T ***BELIEVE*** IT! BUT, YOU CAN'T LET A ***MIRAGE*** FREEZE, EITHER!
CHATTER! CHATTER!
LET'S GO IN! THE MIRAGE IS SO LOVELY, MY ***EYES*** HURT!
WE MUSTN'T LET THIS PLACE GET US!
FORTITUDE!
YOU KNOW, FELLAS, EVEN THOUGH SHE ISN'T ***REAL,*** SHE ***IS*** HERE!
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT!
PERHAPS IF YOU ***DO*** WISH HARD ENOUGH...
WHAT CAN WE LOSE?
WHOOSH!
WHOOSH!
WHO
HURRY UP! SHE MAY VANISH ANY MINUTE!
HOW LONG DO MIRAGES ***LAST?***
WHO ***CARES?***
I MUST LOOK TERRIBLE! DO YOU HAVE A ***COMB?***

HERE, TAKE *MINE!*
NO, *MINE!*
MINE HAS MORE *TEETH!*
BEAUTIFUL!
BREATKTAKING!
WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE, MY LOVELY LITTLE MIRAGE?
WHY, I'D LOVE TO!
ISN'T SHE WONDERFUL?
IF SHE WERE ONLY *REAL!*
SHE *CAN'T* BE REAL! SHE DANCES LIKE A *DREAM!*
SHUCKS!
OH!
SHE **VANISHED** INTO THIN AIR!
MILLIE! YOU'RE *SAFE!*
CLICKER! AM I GLAD TO SEE *YOU!*


DO YOU THINK WE CAN WISH HER BACK?
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD MENTION THIS TO ANYBODY!
THEY'D LOCK US UP!
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WAS WRONG WITH THOSE MEN? THEY WERE IN A TRANCE!
WHO ISN'T WHEN YOU'RE AROUND, DREAM BEAM?
NEW YORK! HURRAY! CIVILIZATION! CROWDED SUBWAYS! THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING! IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE BACK!
MY PARACHUTE DESCENDED AT A REMOTE WEATHER STATION--
WHAT A STORY!
LOOK! THE SUPPLIES JUST CAME UP! ALSO THIS NEWSPAPER!
IMELY NEWS
FAMOUS MODEL PARACHUTES TO REMOTE WEATHER STATION
MIRAGE, EH? KICK ME!
NO, ME FIRST!
NO, KICK ME!
THE END
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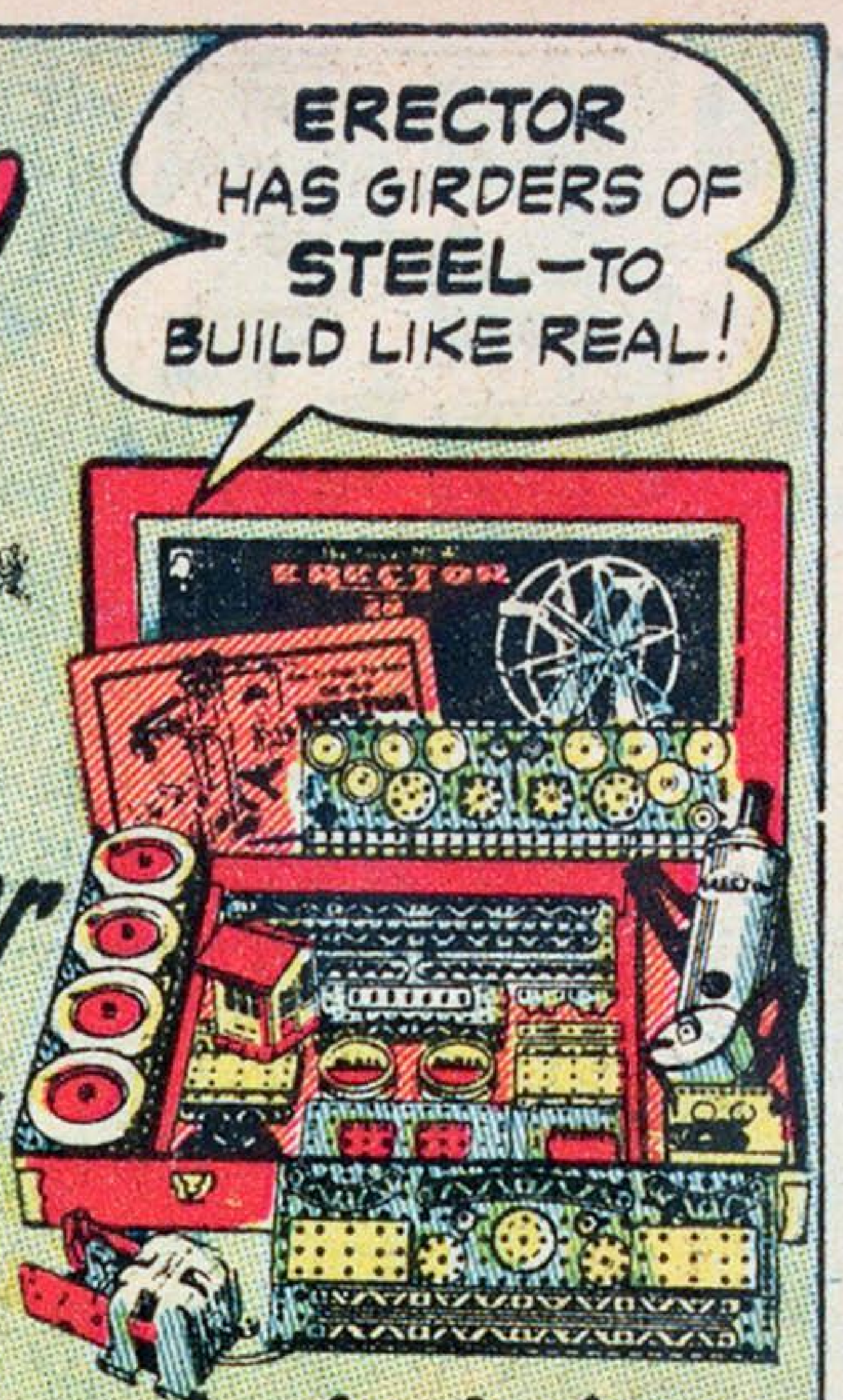
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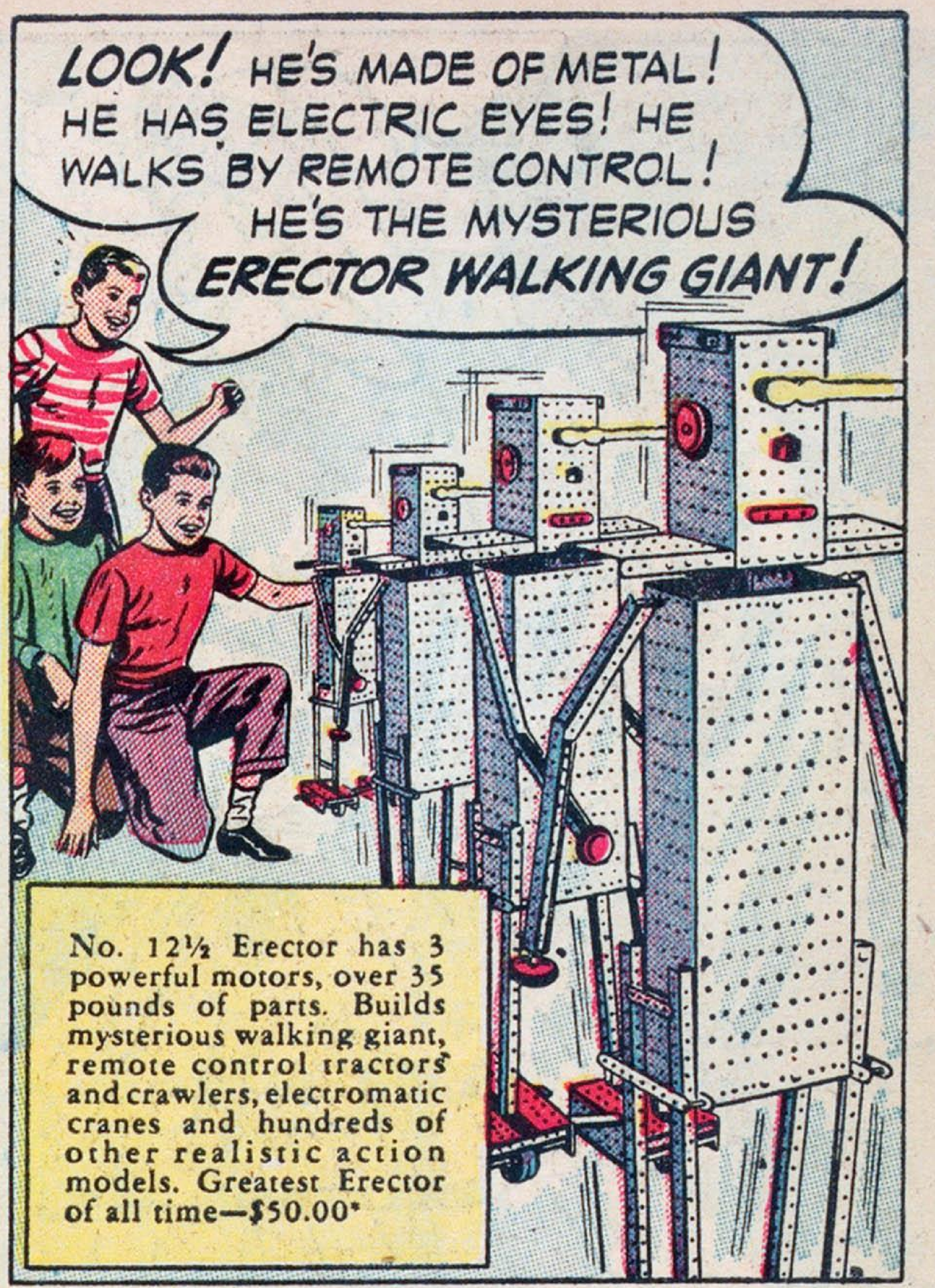
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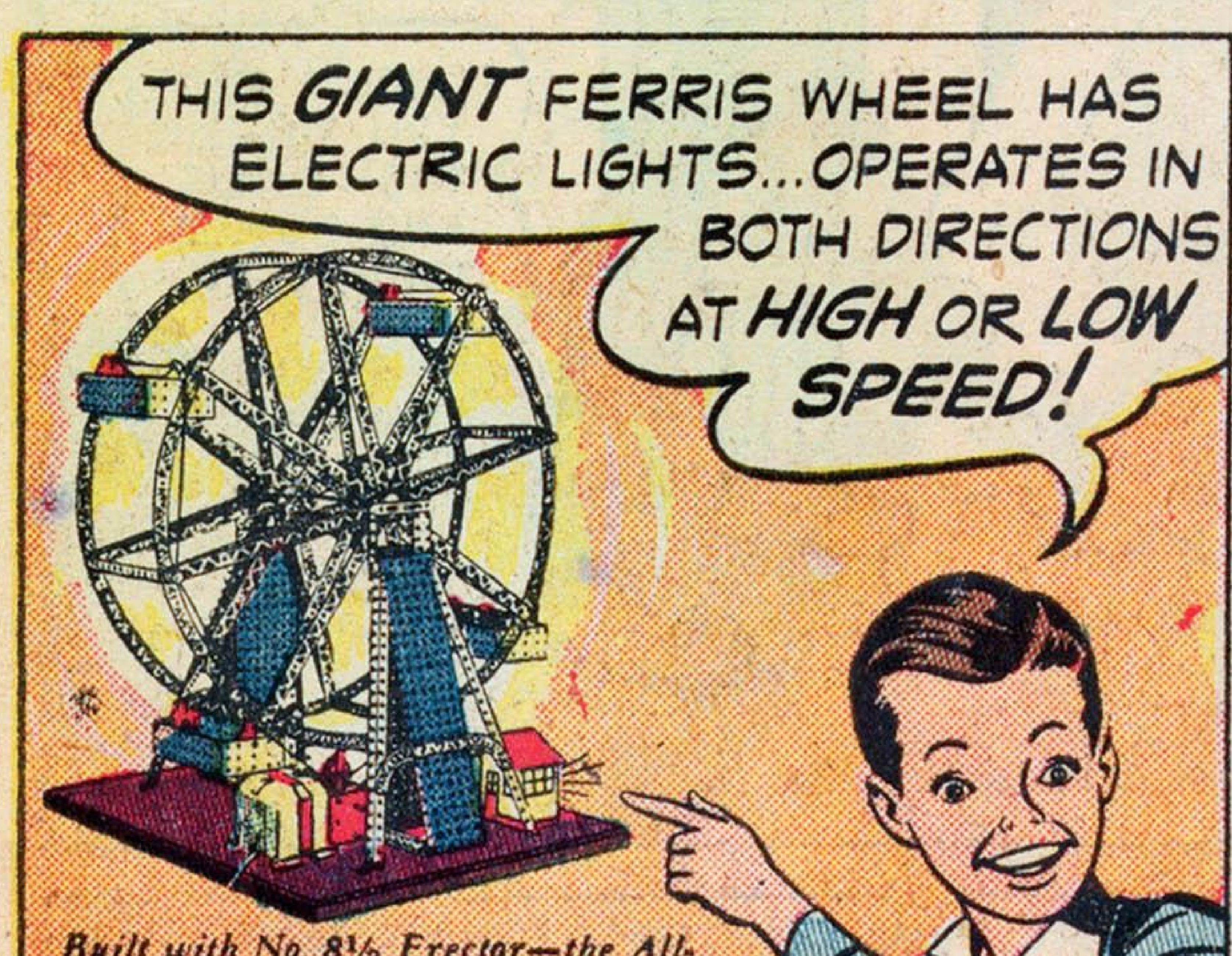
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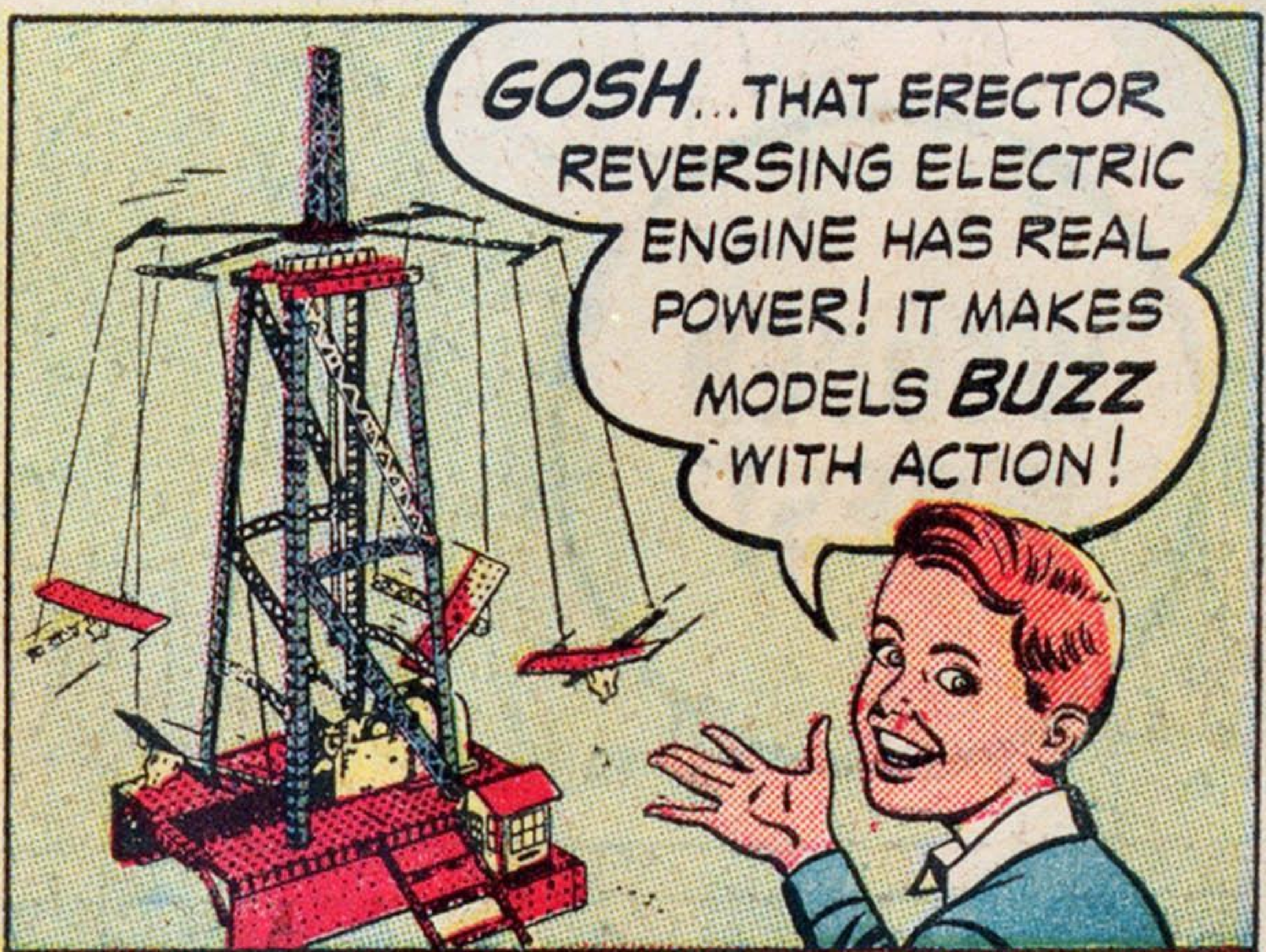
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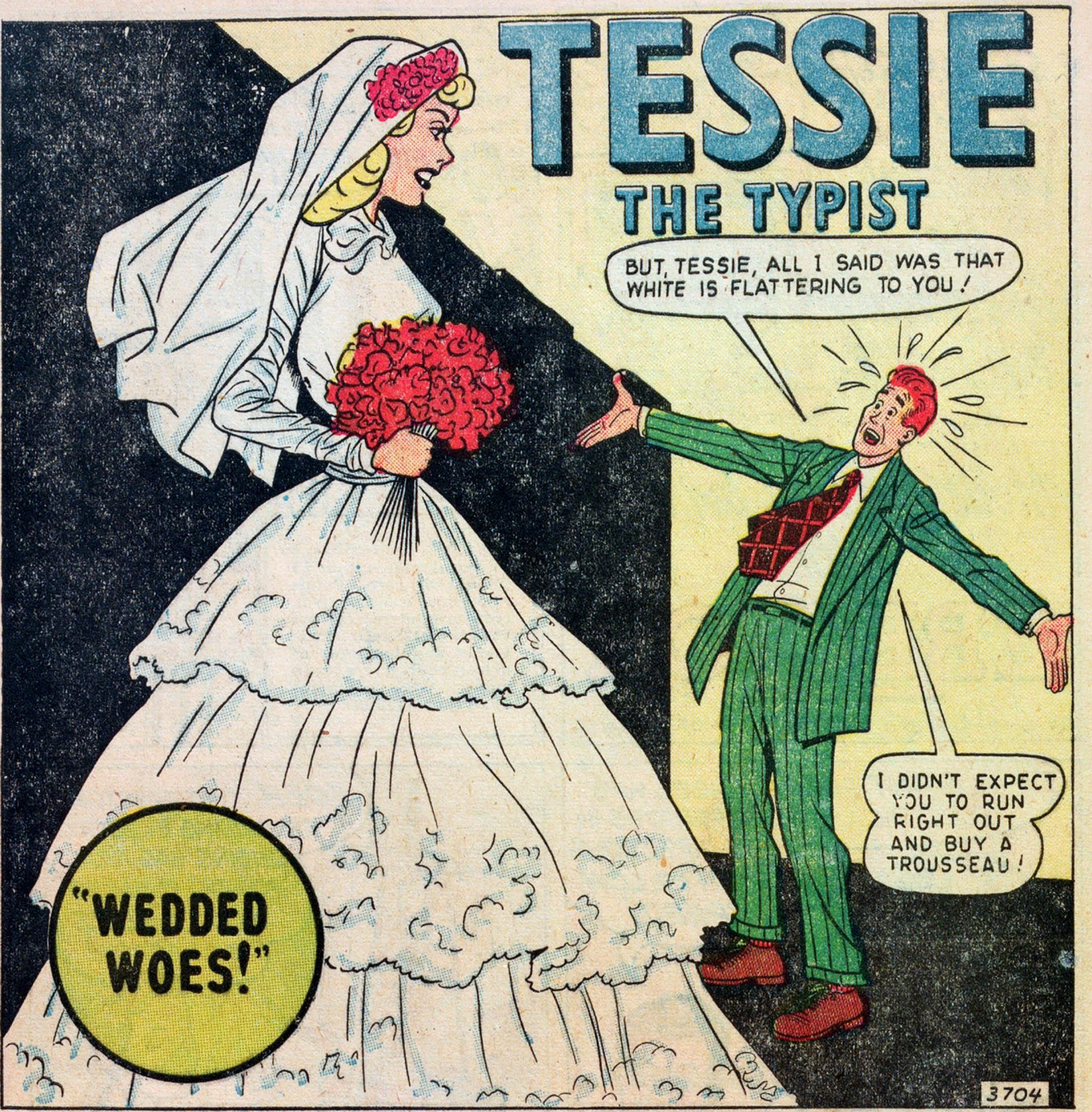
TESSIE
THE TYPIST
BUT, TESSIE, ALL I SAID WAS THAT WHITE IS FLATTERING TO YOU!
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO RUN RIGHT OUT AND BUY A TROUSSEAU!
"WEDDED WOES!"
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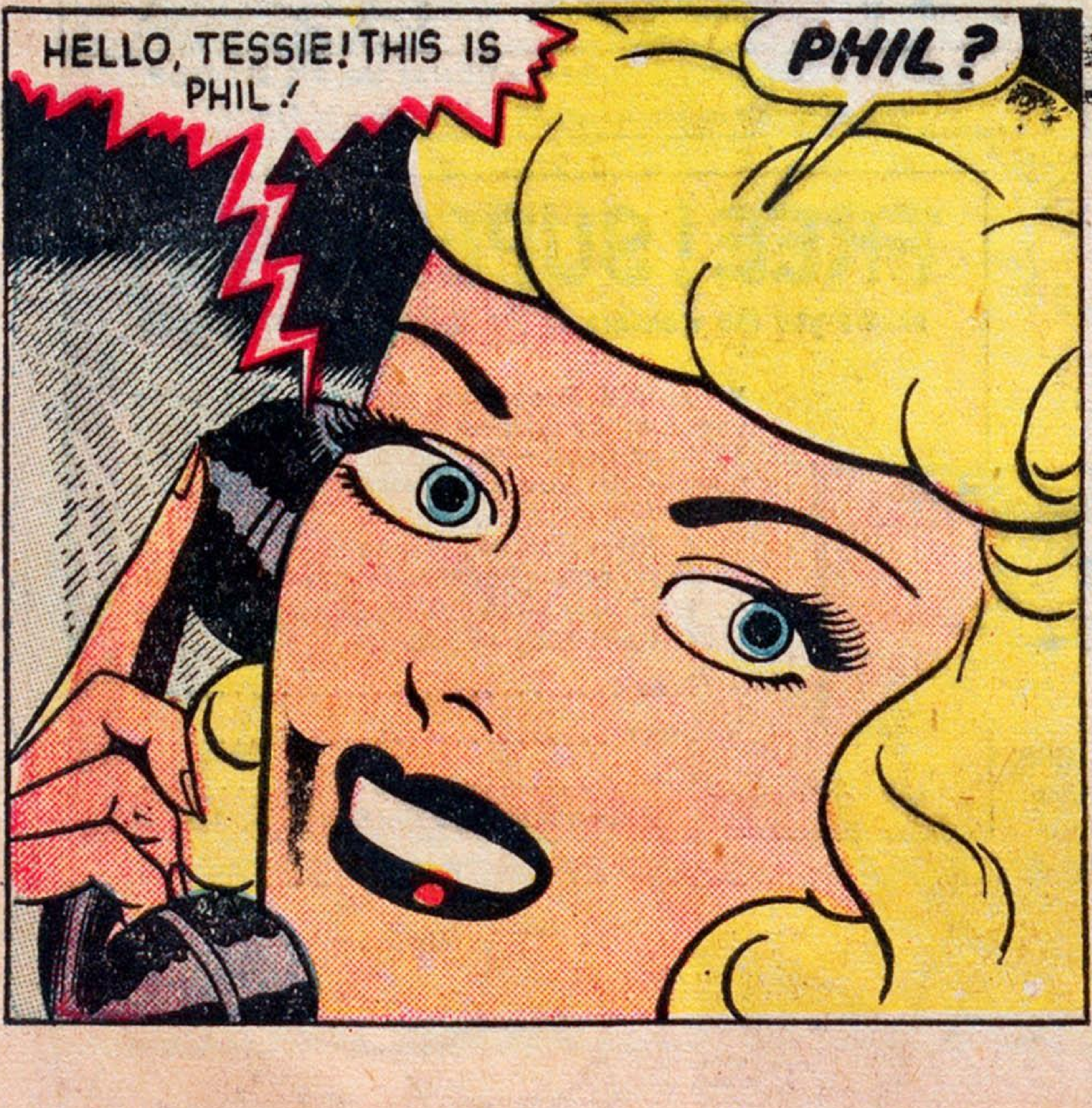
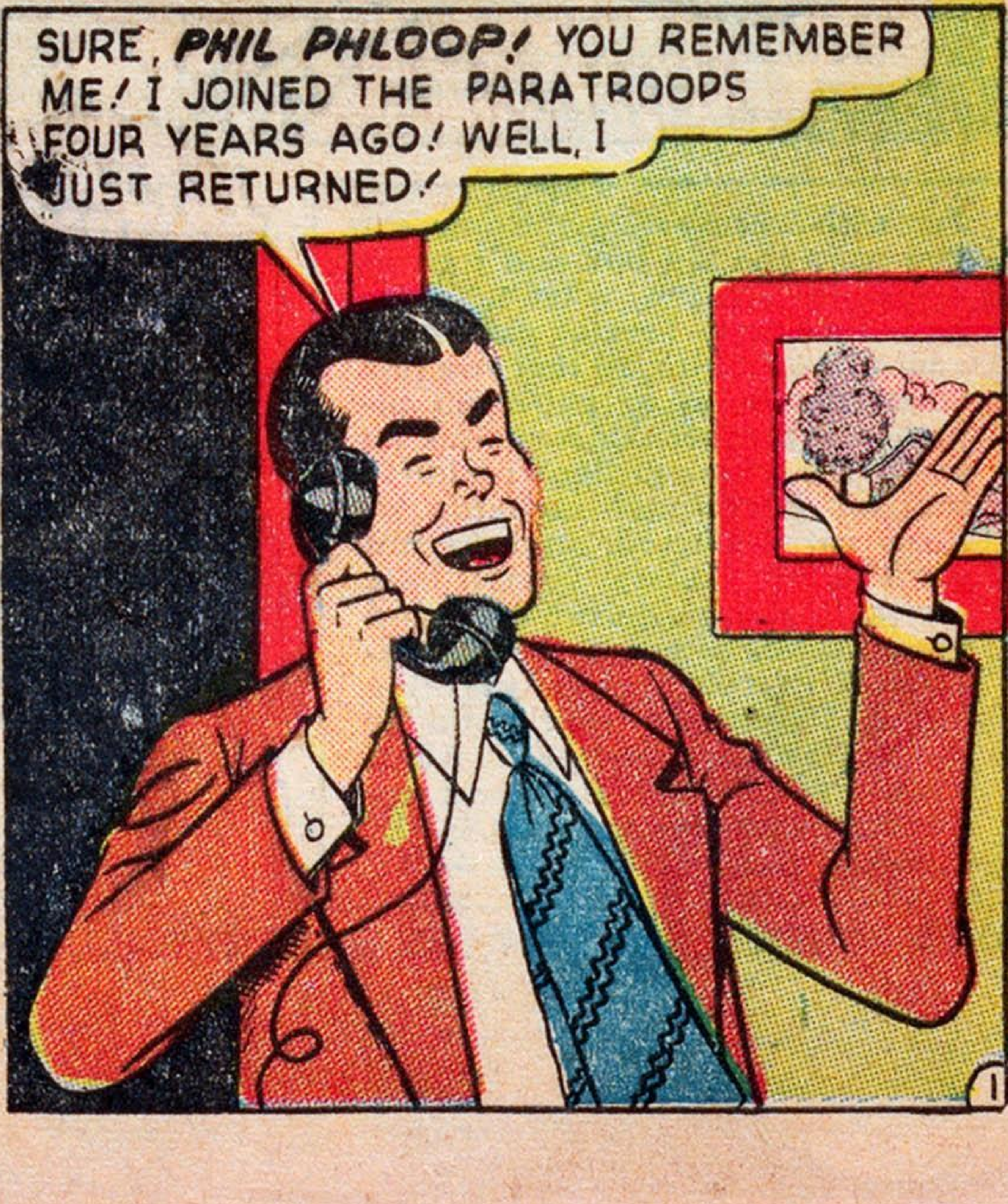

HELLO, TESSIE! THIS IS PHIL!
PHIL?


SURE, PHIL PHLOOP! YOU REMEMBER ME! I JOINED THE PARATROOPS FOUR YEARS AGO! WELL, I JUST RETURNED!

AND I'M COMING OVER TO SEE YOU TONIGHT, TESSIE!
BUT, PHIL...
NO BUTS, TESSIE! I HAVE A SURPRISE, AND WILD HORSES COULDN'T KEEP ME FROM SEEING YOU TONIGHT!
WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL SKIDSY? I HAVE A DATE WITH HIM TONIGHT!
I KNOW! I'LL GET SKIDSY TO GO OUT WITH OTHER GIRLS, THEN IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO GO OUT WITH PHIL!
HELLO, TESSIE!
SKIDSY, I HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!
SKIDSY, DARLING, WHY DON'T YOU EVER GO OUT WITH OTHER GIRLS?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
IF I AS MUCH AS LOOK AT ANOTHER GIRL, YOU RAISE THE ROOF!
WELL, NOW I CAN SEE HOW UNFAIR IT IS! AND IN MY EFFORT TO BE VERY FAIR TO YOU, I'LL LET YOU GO OUT WITH LULU TONIGHT INSTEAD OF ME!

YOU WANT ME TO GO OUT WITH LULU TONIGHT, INSTEAD OF YOU?
WHY, CERTAINLY!
I THINK IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT I SHOULDN'T KEEP YOU TIED TO ME!
OKAY! I'LL GO OUT, BUT I'LL GO WITH JANE!
JANE? I WON'T TOLERATE YOUR GOING WITH THAT HUSSY!
THAT'S NOT FAIR!
LOOK, TESSIE! IF I'M GOING TO GO OUT WITH A GIRL, I'LL PICK HER!
OKAY, THEN I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU TONIGHT!
SKIDSY, I DON'T LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE! GOOD AFTERNOON!
I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD WARN ME OF THESE THINGS!
I THINK I KNOW HOW TO KEEP SKIDSY FROM DATING JANE...JUST WAIT TILL LATER!
HELLO, JANE DEAR, HOW ARE YOU?
JUST FINE, TESSIE, AND HOW ARE YOU?

SKIDSY IS GOING OUT WITH OTHER GIRLS TO MAKE ME JEALOUS, JANE, AND HE **MIGHT EVEN** ASK **YOU** TO GO OUT WITH HIM!
GOLLY!
AND I'M SURE YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE AN ACCESSORY TO SUCH A THING!
CERTAINLY NOT! THANKS FOR TELLING ME, TESSIE!
IF TESSIE THINKS SHE'S KIDDING ME, SHE'D BETTER DO SOME MORE THINKING! SHE MUST'VE HAD A FIGHT WITH SKIDSY!
PHIL WILL BE COMPLETELY DEVASTATED WHEN HE SEES ME IN THIS NEW DRESS!
HO! HO! WON'T SKIDSY BE SURPRISED WHEN JANE TURNS HIM DOWN?
I'D BETTER GET DRESSED! PHIL WILL BE HERE SOON!
R-R-RING!
T. TENDER
HI'YA TESSIE! I TOLD YOU I HAD A SURPRISE FOR YOU, AND **HERE SHE IS!** MEET MY **WIFE!** WE WERE MARRIED IN NAPLES!
YOUR **WIFE?**

OH NO!
OH YES!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT! I **MUST** DO SOMETHING!
SO! I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST AN **ACQUAINTANCE** OF YOURS!
T-THAT'S ALL, PET!
WELL, FROM THE WAY THAT POOR GIRL WAS BROKEN UP, I'D SAY YOU WERE **LITTLE MORE** THAN JUST A BROTHER TO HER!
OH, NO, PET!
REALLY, I HAVEN'T THE **SLIGHTEST** IDEA WHY SHE WAS SO SURPRISED!
HOW CAN YOU LIE TO ME? I SAW THAT POOR GIRL'S FACE! HOW **COULD YOU HAVE BROUGHT ME HERE?**
GOOD-BYE! I'M GOING HOME TO MOTHER!
BUT, PET...
SKIDSY, I'VE THOUGHT IT OVER, AND DECIDED THAT I MUST THINK OF **YOUR** HAPPINESS, SO I'LL LET YOU TAKE **ME** OUT TONIGHT!
HOLY COW! I'VE ALREADY MADE A DATE WITH JANE!

WELL, YOU HAD NO BUSINESS MAKING A DATE WITH JANE! NOW YOU CAN BREAK IT!
BUT, TESSIE...
NOW, SEE HERE, SKIDSY, IF YOU DON'T CALL FOR ME IN THIRTY MINUTES, I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
DEAR OLD SKIDSY! HE'S SO DEPENDABLE!
WHY, PHIL, WHERE'S YOUR WIFE?
SHE GOT SOME FOOLISH IDEA THAT WE WERE SWEETHEARTS, SO SHE LEFT!
NOW, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
OH, I DON'T KNOW! I HAVE A DATE, PHIL!
SKIDSY IS CALLING FOR ME!
THEN YOU WEREN'T UNHAPPY ABOUT MY BEING MARRIED?
OH, NO! IT'S JUST THAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY DATE, AND I'D ALREADY TOLD SKIDSY TO GO WITH SOMEONE ELSE, AND WHEN I SAW YOUR WIFE I WAS AFRAID I'D BE STUCK WITHOUT A DATE!
THAT'S GREAT! AND HERE I AM STUCK WITHOUT MY WIFE!

LEAVE IT TO TESSIE TO THINK OF MORE TWISTS THAN A PRETZEL!
BOO! HOO! HOO!
WHAT'S THAT?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
M-MY HUSBAND! HE'S IN THAT HOUSE WITH HIS OLD SWEETHEART!
BOO! HOO! HOO! HER NAME IS TESSIE!
TESSIE? SAY, THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE! LISTEN... YOU NEEDN'T CRY! TESSIE'S MY GIRL FRIEND!
SKIDSY!
LISTEN, YOU! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF LETTING YOUR WIFE STAND OUTSIDE, CRYING?
YOU MEAN SHE'S OUTSIDE?
SWEETHEART, I'LL NEVER DISTRUST YOU AGAIN!
DARLING, YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL IN THE WORLD FOR ME!
ISN'T THAT ROMANTIC? AND I BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER AGAIN!
BAM!
HEY, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
JUST IN CASE YOU THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT JANE!
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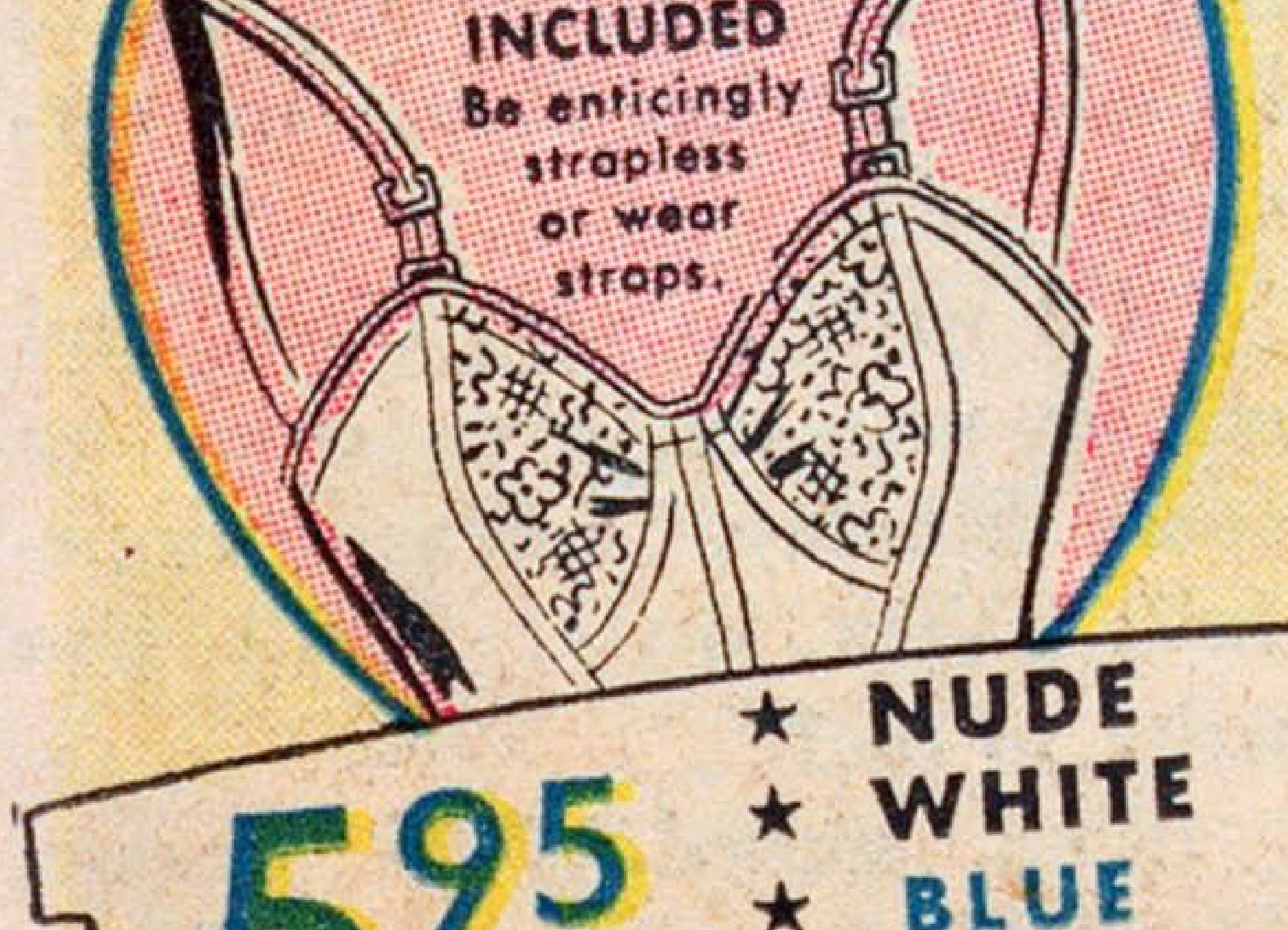
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ELLEN tried hard to concentrate on what the other girls were talking about, but her mind kept wandering. First she pictured herself at a football game, cheering the hero of the day on to his last touchdown, then smiling proudly as he turned from the field after the game to remind her that they had a date for the Victory Dance that night. Then she switched to the auditorium and saw herself playing the lead feminine role opposite Ronald Winters, the most handsome actor at Smith High.

But someone was calling her. "Ellen!" the voice intruded itself rudely into her daydreams. Ellen came to with a start, suddenly realizing that she was at her friend Jan's house along with the rest of the girls. It was Jan who had called her name. "*What* were you dreaming about this time?"

Ellen blushed, but said nothing as Jan hurried on. "Betty's going to the dance with Ron, and Alice has a date with that terrific new football player, Dan Adams. Who's taking you?"

"Harold," Ellen answered resignedly, and the others snickered a little. "It isn't *that* funny," she added somewhat resentfully.

"Oh, we aren't *really* laughing," Jan said sympathetically. "We just don't understand why you always accept his invitations without giving anybody else a chance to ask you."

"Well," Ellen replied thoughtfully, "he's a nice guy—always around and anxious to please, and I wouldn't like to hurt him. And, after all, the only thing he really lacks is—well, you know."

All the girls nodded in grave understanding. Everyone knew what Harold lacked. Somehow all the boys in school seemed well on the way to becoming young men — except Harold. Every boy had grown taller and heavier in the past year; they'd all acquired broader shoulders and deeper voices—except Harold. Yes, Harold was still a little boy, and none of the girls ever considered going out with him —except Ellen! Whether the boys realized it or not, she was the soft-hearted one of the group, and the sadder cases always seemed to congregate around her.

Ellen knew these things as well as everyone else, but still she couldn't see a way out. The only thing she could do was dream—and her days and nights were filled with wishes and hopes. If only she could do something to make Harold understand! Maybe Jan had some ideas. She'd ask her later.

As soon as the last girl had left, Ellen began. "Jan," she said, "what would *you* do if you knew someone like Harold?"

Jan didn't hesitate a second. "Why, I'd just make sure somebody else always dated me first." Ellen was silent. "Look," Jan continued, "I know the perfect time for you to make a change. My cousin Bob is coming to visit me for a couple of weeks, and he'll be arriving the night of the dance. And you've seen *Bob's* picture, haven't you?"

Ellen nodded, sighing blissfully. How could she forget his dark, curly hair, his smiling eyes, his wide, friendly grin? He was an exact copy of her dream man.

"Well," Jan pursued her point, "how would you like to go to the dance with him?"

Ellen's face fell. "Oh, Jan, I couldn't do *that* to poor Harold." Jan shrugged her shoulders, but Ellen was obviously struggling with a difficult thought, then, "But I'll think of something to tell Harold, and maybe the rest of the time that Bob's here . . ."

. . . The dance was the last of the season. As usual, Harold called for Ellen promptly at seven-thirty, and they arrived at the dance long before the rest of the crowd appeared. Ellen still hadn't decided how to tell him she thought they should part for a while, and the dance was half over before she could even bring herself to broach the subject.

Then, just as she was about to begin, Harold had already started saying something. "Ellen," he began, "I guess I should have told you before, but I decided the last dance would be the best time."

Ellen held her breath. Could she hope? "Yes, Harold?" She looked intently into his straightforward face.

"Well," he hurried on, "I'm leaving Sunday for Camp Laughing Loon! I'll be there all summer!" Ellen was afraid that if she said anything, it would be a shout for joy so she kept silent. But Harold was searching her face, and he seemed to be mistaking her silence for sorrow.

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she saw Jan heading for the powder room and quickly excused herself. It was after intermission by the time the two girls reappeared on the dance floor, but everything had been arranged. A few minutes later the tall handsome stranger, who'd had all the girls whispering to each other all evening, was dancing with Ellen. And a few minutes after that Ellen returned to Harold, a smug smile playing about her lips. Bob had just dated her solidly for the next two weeks!

Of course, she saw Harold off at the station Sunday morning, promising to write and to try to go up to the camp. But as soon as she'd waved the train out of sight, she hurried home so she'd be ready when the gang called for her to go on the picnic. And those first few dates with Bob were glorious! He was so handsome, so smooth, so sophisticated! But gradually the suspicion grew on Ellen that he seemed to think he was superior to the rest of the gang—just because he lived in a big city and went to a prep school!

So by the time Bob's visit ended, Ellen wasn't at all sorry to see him go. And she'd already made dates with Ron and Dan Adams, and surely her wish for a dream man would come true with *one* of them. But, strangely enough, neither of them quite fulfilled it. Oh, both of them were good-looking enough, and their accomplishments had always impressed Ellen. But how long could you listen to a fellow discuss football plays? And how often could you verbally applaud a boy's triumphs on the stage? No, by the end of the summer Ellen had had enough. Occasionally she even found herself thinking that Harold wasn't so bad. At least, they'd liked to do the same things, and Harold wasn't conceited. But she couldn't wait for school to open so she could meet some of the new boys.

Meanwhile she had the problem of Harold again; he was coming back a week before school began. Ellen hadn't gone up to the camp, and she didn't intend to spoil her chances with new fellows by dating Harold. She'd made Jan promise to bring the gang down to the station with her so she wouldn't lose her determination.

. . . It was almost time for the train to come in, and Ellen was standing nervously on the platform beside Jan. "Remember, Ellen," Jan kept telling her, "be *firm*."

Then the train was churning into the depot, slowing down, stopping. Ellen looked up and down the platform, but she couldn't spot Harold. Just a few people had come off the train, and she couldn't have missed him. Had he taken a later train? Puzzled, Ellen turned back to the gang and caught their stares of bewilderment at a spot just behind her.

Quickly she turned to face a tall, grinning, good-looking stranger, with a dark tan and blond hair burnt bronze by the sun. "Have a good summer, Ellen?" the stranger asked.

Ellen gasped. "H—Harold?" she croaked.

"Of course!" Harold laughed. "Were you expecting someone else? Hope not because I thought we might go get a malted and make plans for the fall."

Ellen nodded dumbly, then turned to explain to the rest of the gang. But they all looked so funny, standing there with their mouths wide-open in wonder, that she just turned back to Harold and smiled. After all, how could a girl explain that a wish had just come true?

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Now let us look at the 1948 picture. Final official figures are not available as these lines are being written, but estimate which approach accuracy are possible. Thirty stamps were placed on the 1948 program. This is two fewer than in the 1938 "Presidential" series and five fewer than in the 1940 "Famous Americans" group. Total stamps sold at 30 first-day ceremonies in 1948: approximately 29,000,000. Covers cancelled, about 12,000,000.

This year's twenty-first stamp is a 3c red issued on Oct. 4 to mark the tercentenary of the establishing of voluntary firemen's organizations in America – in 1648 when Peter Stuyvesant (1592-1672) was Dutch Governor of New Amsterdam (predecessor of New York). The design shows a portrait Stuyvesant flanked by a hand-operated fire pumper at left and a modern fire-engine at right.

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HERE COMES HEDY! JUST *LOOK* AT HER!
DOESN'T SHE LOOK *PRETTY*?
PRETTY, MY FOOT! I'D SAY SHE LOOKS *PRETTY CRUMMY*!
YOU WOULDN'T BE *JEALOUS*, WOULD YOU, SANDRA?
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WHY, I'M NO MORE JEALOUS OF HEDY THAN I AM OF... **LASSIE!**
TUT-TUT, MY DEAR! YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO JEALOUS OF **A DOG!**
AFTER ALL, CAN YOU THINK OF ANY REASON WHY **I** SHOULD BE JEALOUS OF HEDY?
FRANKLY, **YES!**
OH, MARY, HOW IS YOUR MOTHER? IS SHE GETTING OVER HER ILLNESS?
OH, SHE'S MUCH BETTER! THANK YOU, MISS DE VINE!
JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A STAR, SHE THINKS SHE'S REALLY SOMETHING!
LOOK AT MARY PLAYING UP TO HEDY!
PLAYING UP TO HER? WHY, THEY'RE JUST TALKING, THAT'S ALL!
HEDY DOESN'T TALK TO PEOPLE FOR NOTHING! SHE'S JUST MAKING SURE SHE'LL BE ABLE TO **USE** THEM!
FUNNY HOW SOME PEOPLE WILL SEE OTHERS AS OTHERS REALLY SEE **THEM!**
SAY, GET ME ONE OF THOSE 208 FILTERS!
IMAGINE! THEY NEED **SPECIAL** FILTERS TO MAKE HEDY LOOK HALFWAY PASSABLE!

NOW, YOU HAVE TO *ADMIT* SHE'S ***BEAUTIFUL***!
JUST CLEVER MAKE-UP AND CAMERA ANGLES! THEY MIGHT AS WELL USE A DUMMY!
WHY, I'M ALMOST SURE THEY PUT A ***BLEACH*** ON HER HAIR!
AND WHAT DO THEY DO TO ***YOURS***? DIP IT IN MERCUROCHROME?
♫ ♫ ♪ ♫ ♫
SEE? TAKES MORE THAN A DUMMY TO MAKE A MAN ***WHISTLE***!
THAT'S YOUR ANSWER, SANDRA... THE FELLOWS GO FOR HEDY LIKE MAD!
OH, I ADMIT THE MEN ARE ALL AFTER HER!
THEY'RE AFTER HER ***MONEY***!
ATTENTION, EVERYBODY! WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT!

THERE'S A SMALL PART OPEN FOR ONE OF YOU GIRLS! RIGHT NOW WE'LL TAKE TIME OUT FOR LUNCH AND WHEN YOU COME BACK HEDY DE VINE WILL DECIDE WHO'LL GET THE ROLE!
I WANT THAT PART!
I WANT THAT PART!
ONE FAVOR CALLS FOR ANOTHER! IF I TIP HEDY OFF ABOUT SANDRA, MAYBE SHE'LL GET ME THE PART!
IT'LL KILL ME BUT I'D BETTER BE NICE TO HEDY!
DON'T SAY I TOLD YOU, BUT IF ONE HAS AN ENEMY, ONE'S FRIEND SHOULD TELL ONE SO ONE COULD BE ON GUARD! LOOK OUT FOR SANDRA STILES!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU, HEDY, AND THAT'S WHY IT MAKES ME MAD WHEN ANYONE SAYS AWFUL THINGS ABOUT YOU!
SO SHE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT ME?
YOU SHOULDN'T LET THAT SANDRA GO SPREADING THE VILE GOSSIP ABOUT YOU THAT SHE DOES!
...AND SPREADING IT LIKE WILDFIRE!
SANDRA'S A FOOL! SOONER OR LATER, HEDY WILL FIND OUT WHAT SHE'S BEEN SAYING ABOUT HER! BUT, OF COURSE, I WOULD NEVER TELL ON HER! I WOULDN'T STOOP TO TELLING TALES!
OH! NEITHER WOULD I!
NOR I! BUT SOMEBODY WILL!

HEDY, I'M SURE YOU'LL BE SENSATIONAL IN THIS PICTURE!
HOW SWEET OF YOU TO SAY SO, SANDRA!
IF YOU ONLY *MEANT* IT!
I'D CONSIDER IT AN HONOR TO BE IN THIS PICTURE WITH YOU!
HMMM!
OH, CECIL! I THINK WE CAN SETTLE THE CASTING RIGHT NOW! BZZ-Z-Z...BZZ-Z-Z!
OKAY! IF YOU SAY SO!
OKAY! THE CASTING IS OVER! THE PART GOES TO...
...SANDRA STILES!
POOR HEDY! I FOOLED HER AGAIN!
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SOMETIMES I THINK HEDY'S *NOT* SO DUMB!
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HI FRIENDS:

Lately there has been quite a debate about comics raging in the pages of the Saturday Review of Literature, one of America's most respected magazines. In an article, a Dr. Wertham discussed the problem of juvenile delinquency in America today, and pinned the blame for some of these cases on comic magazines, simply because many of the delinquent youngsters had read comics.

93% of all young people (from 8 to 16 years of age) read comics. Naturally a few young people get into some kind of trouble . . . so do a lot of older ones . . . and of course many of the kids who get into trouble do read comics. But what the article does not state is the fact that 93% of the boys and girls who get into *no trouble at all* also read comics.

Let us quote a letter from David Pace Wigransky, a 14 year old reader of comics, published in the July 24th issue of the Saturday Review:

". . . In none of these cases was it proved that reading comic books was the cause of the delinquency. A good many of the delinquents mentioned happened to be readers of comic magazines, just as are 69,999,975 perfectly healthy, happy, normal American boys and girls, men and women, who also read comics.

". . . It appears that his [Dr. Wertham's] $64 question to a child being psychoanalyzed is, 'Do you read COMIC BOOKS, my little man?' Of course the juvenile delinquent, *being a normal child in at least that way,* will answer 'Yes'."

In other words, the case is just as we stated it above. Since almost all kids of any kind read comics, naturally some of the delinquents read comics too. But since the same percentage holds true among the millions of youngsters who have committed *no offense at all,* why not give the comics credit for the good influence they have been on these millions of healthy, normal kids, instead of just blaming them for our handful of delinquents?

Once again let us remind you to show our magazines, or any of the other *good* comics, to people who criticize this form of entertainment. Show those people that your favorite magazines are not harmful. Let them see Dr. Thompson's endorsement on the first page of every one of our magazines, and prove to one and all that the comics you buy and read are *good for you.*

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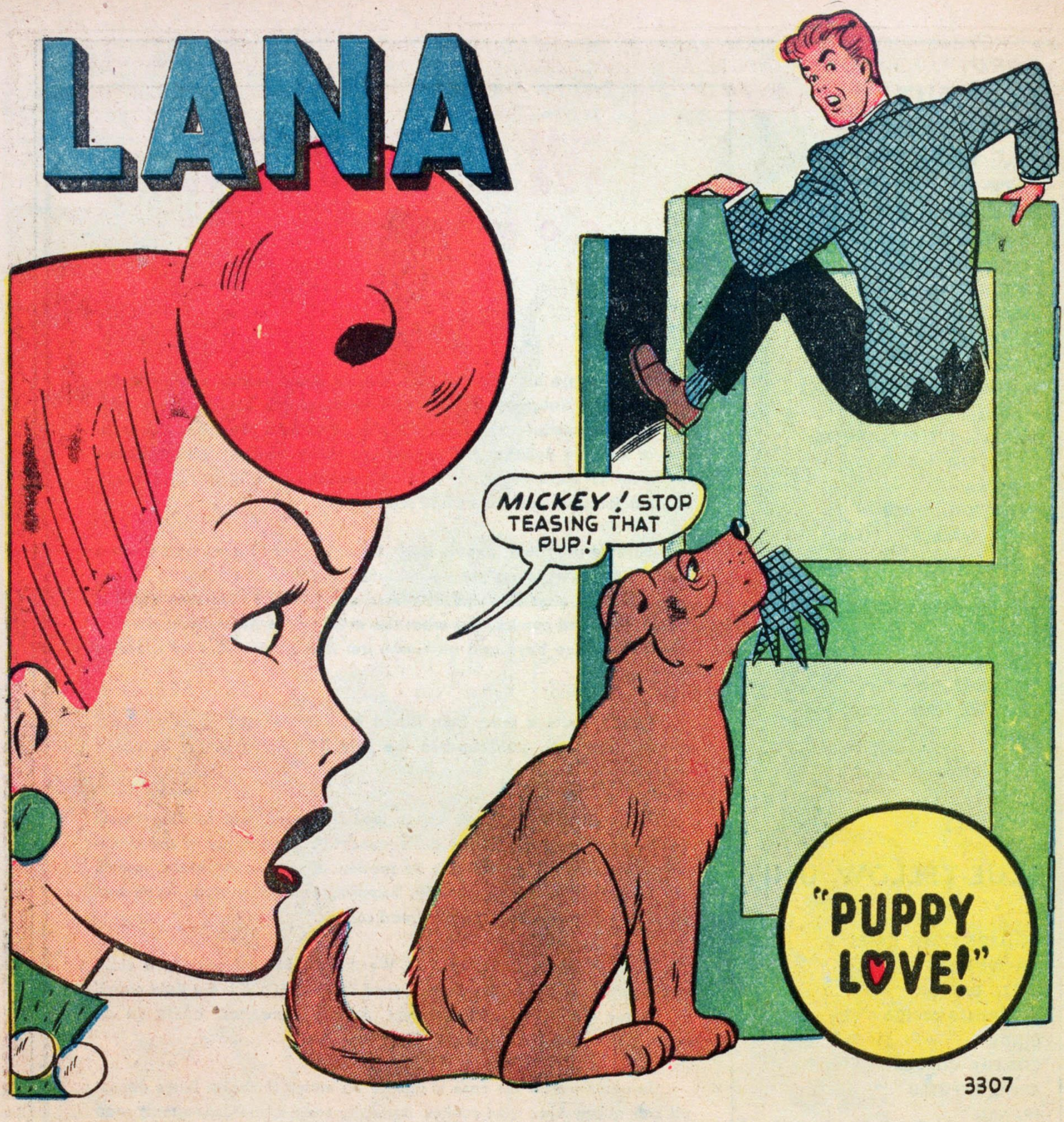
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MICKEY! STOP TEASING THAT PUP!
"PUPPY LOVE!"
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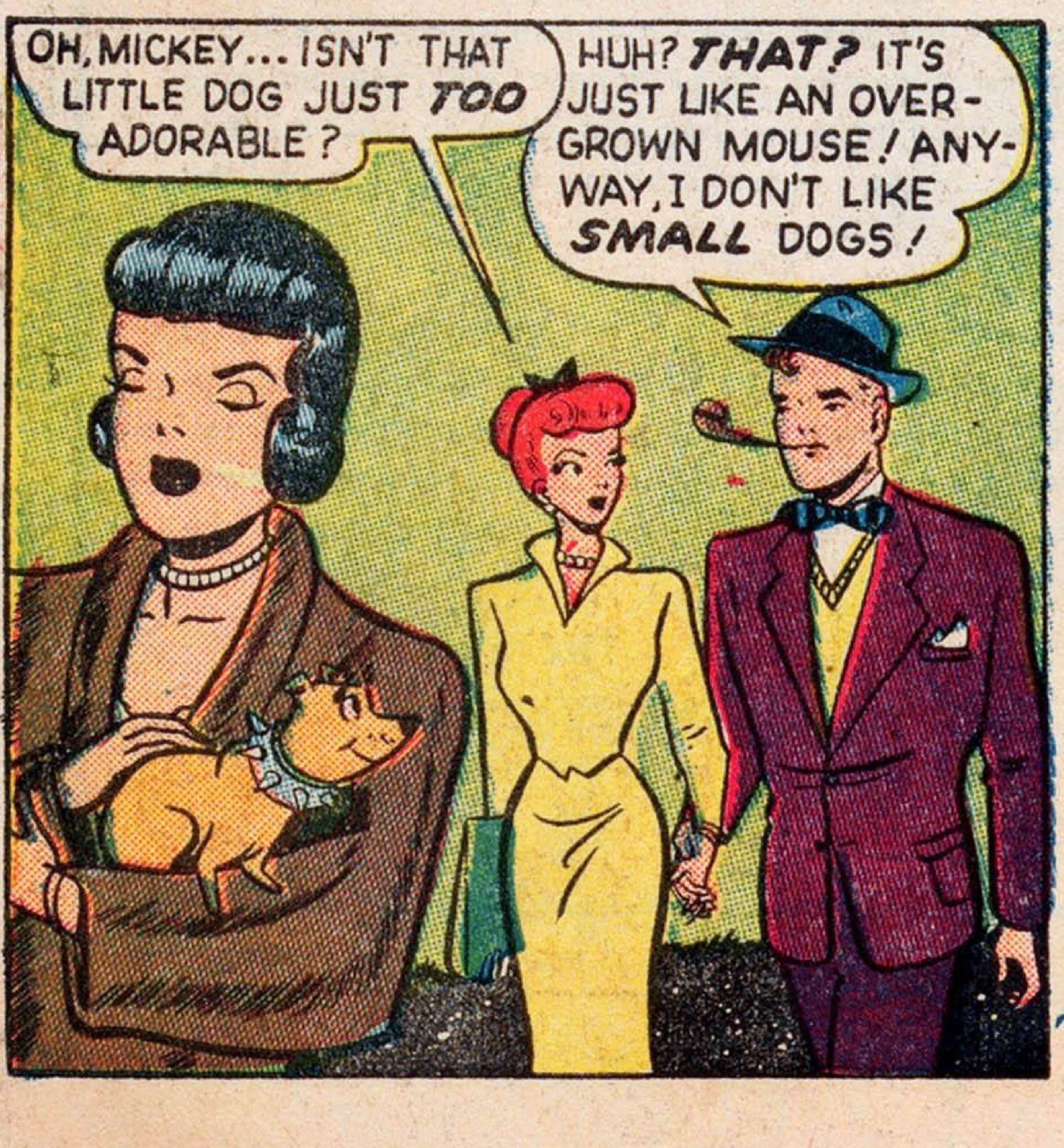
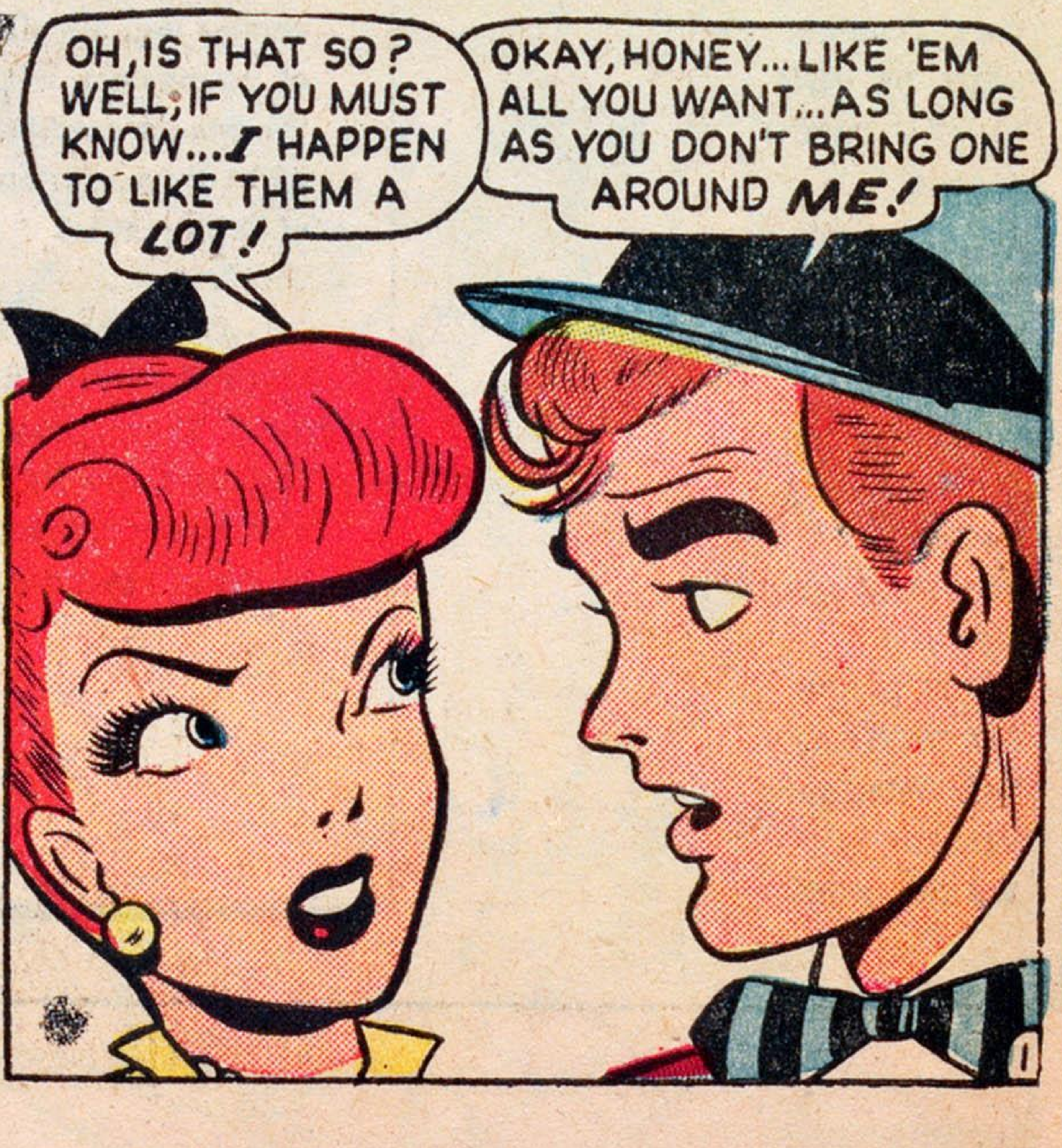

OH, MICKEY... ISN'T THAT LITTLE DOG JUST TOO ADORABLE?
HUH? THAT? IT'S JUST LIKE AN OVER-GROWN MOUSE! ANYWAY, I DON'T LIKE SMALL DOGS!


OH, IS THAT SO? WELL, IF YOU MUST KNOW... I HAPPEN TO LIKE THEM A LOT!
OKAY, HONEY... LIKE 'EM ALL YOU WANT... AS LONG AS YOU DON'T BRING ONE AROUND ME!

MICKEY MURPHY! YOU'RE A *BRUTE!* I SUPPOSE YOU'D TURN A POOR, INNOCENT, LITTLE DOG OUT TO STARVE! I KNOW YOUR TYPE! YOU'D...
NOW, LANA... YOU'RE ACTING *SILLY!*
OH-H-H! YOU DON'T LIKE MY *ACTING*, EITHER! *THAT'S* THE *LAST STRAW!*
THAT'S WHAT GETS ME ABOUT *ACTRESSES*... THEY'RE NOT AT ALL TEMPERAMENTAL!
SLAAAM!
DID YOU HAVE A NICE TIME, LANA?
I GUESS *THAT* WAS A SILLY QUESTION!
SLA-AM!
YOU, *AGAIN?* HONESTLY, A PERSON CAN'T HAVE ANY PRIVACY IN HER OWN LIVING ROOM!
THIS *IS* A BOARDING HOUSE!
GEE, LANA... DON'T BE MAD! I CAN'T HELP IT IF I LIKE BIG DOGS!
TOO BAD, 'CAUSE I'M GOING TO BUY A *LITTLE* ONE!

I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE ROVER, MISS!
I'M SURE I SHALL!
SHULTZ PET SHOP
OH, HELLO, CLARA! GOSH, I JUST HAD A FIGHT WITH LANA... ABOUT DOGS, OF ALL THINGS! NOW *I'M* IN THE DOG HOUSE!
A FIGHT WITH LANA? HOW *NICE*! I MEAN... ISN'T THAT A *SHAME*?
YOU MUST BE FIRM WITH A WOMAN, MICKEY! OF COURSE, SOME GIRLS RESENT THAT... BUT NOT ME! I LIKE A *MASTERFUL* MAN!
YOU *DO?*
MICKEY, I THINK YOU'RE MASTERFUL! EVEN IF LANA *DOESN'T* APPRECIATE YOU... *I* DO!
YOU DO?
I CERTAINLY DO!
KISS!
(ULP!)
WELL!
WHY, LANA DAH-LING! ♪ ♪
UH...HEH... HULLO, LANA!
THE MINUTE MY BACK IS TURNED... OH, YOU--YOU...
NOW, LANA... TEMPER, TEMPER!
GRRR!
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ROVER, COME BACK HERE!
SCRAM, FLEA FOOD, BEFORE I STEP ON YOU!
GROWW!
I'M **WOUNDED!** THAT THING'S A **MONSTER!**
POOR, POOR, DARLING! I'LL GO GET A BANDAGE!
THAT SETTLES IT! EITHER THAT...THAT... **INSECT** GOES, OR **I** DO!
THERE COULDN'T BE AN EASIER CHOICE... BETWEEN DEAR LOVABLE ROVER, AND A MAN WHO'D GLADLY PUT A LITTLE DOG OUT IN THE COLD WITHOUT A SWEATER! COME, ROVER!
WELL, OF ALL THE... ALL RIGHT, I **WILL** GO!
SLAM!
I'M GLAD TO SEE HIM GO, THE DESPICABLE BRUTE! I NEVER **COULD** STAND **CRUEL** MEN!
WOMEN! PARTICULARLY **THAT** ONE! I NEVER WANT TO SEE **HER** AGAIN!
FUNNY, I NEVER NOTICED THE CRUEL SET OF HIS MOUTH BEFORE...AND THE **MEAN** LOOK IN HIS EYES!
SHE HAS SUCH A TEMPER... AND SHE'S **SO** UNREASONABLE!

HE'S SO STUBBORN! SO... SO... (SIGH!) **MASTERFUL!**
SHE CAN BE SO DARN SWEET, SOMETIMES! SHE'S SO (SIGH!) **BEAUTIFUL!**
OH, THIS IS **INFURIATING!** I SIMPLY **CAN'T SLEEP!** I GUESS I'LL PUT ON MY CLOTHES AND GO FOR A WALK IN THE PARK WITH ROVER!
I CAN'T HELP IT! EVEN IF SHE **HAS** A TEMPER... SHE'S STILL AN **ANGEL!**
IT'S SO DARK AND LONELY HERE... I WISH MICKEY WERE WITH ME!
MICKEY!
LANA!
OH, MICKEY...I MISSED YOU SO! I'M SO SORRY I WAS...
GEE, LANA HONEY, **I** SHOULD APOLOGIZE...
FUNNY PEOPLE, THESE HUMANS, EH?
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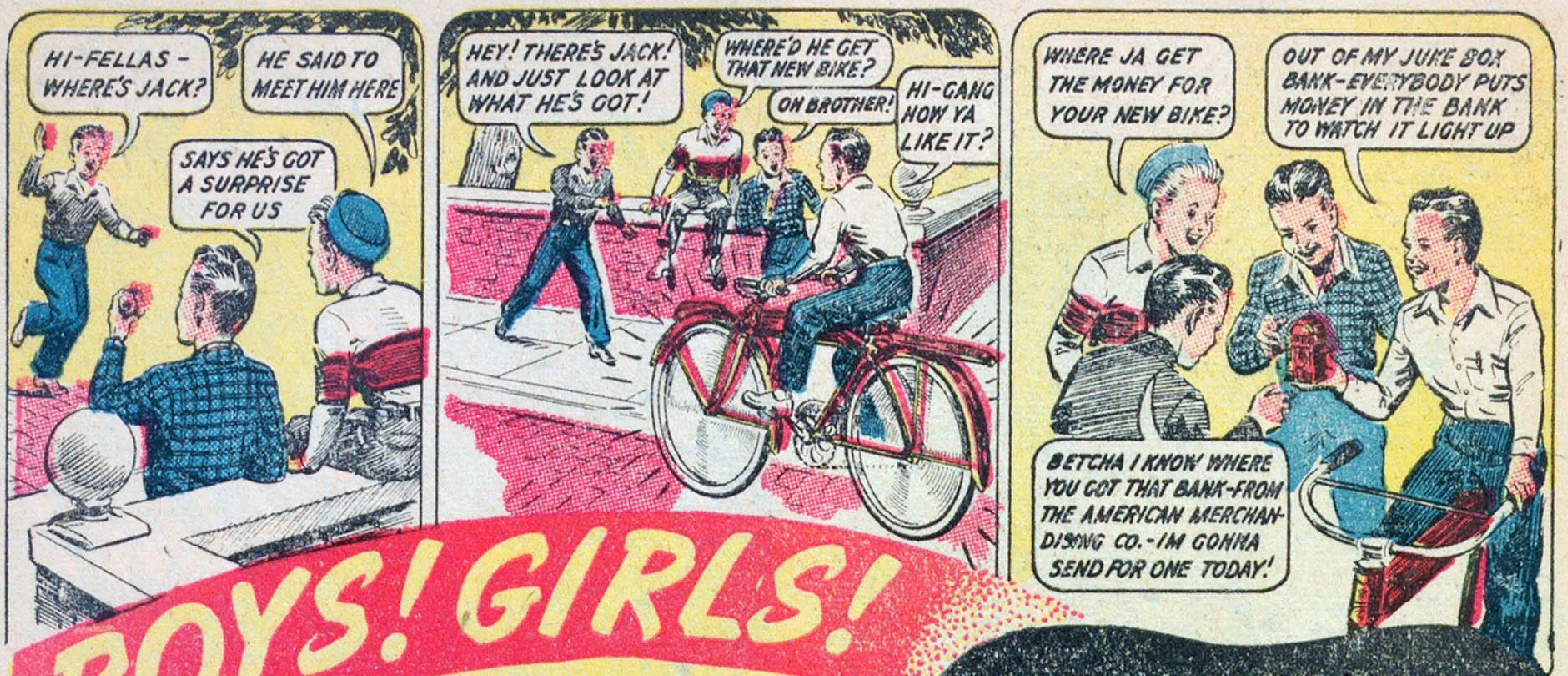
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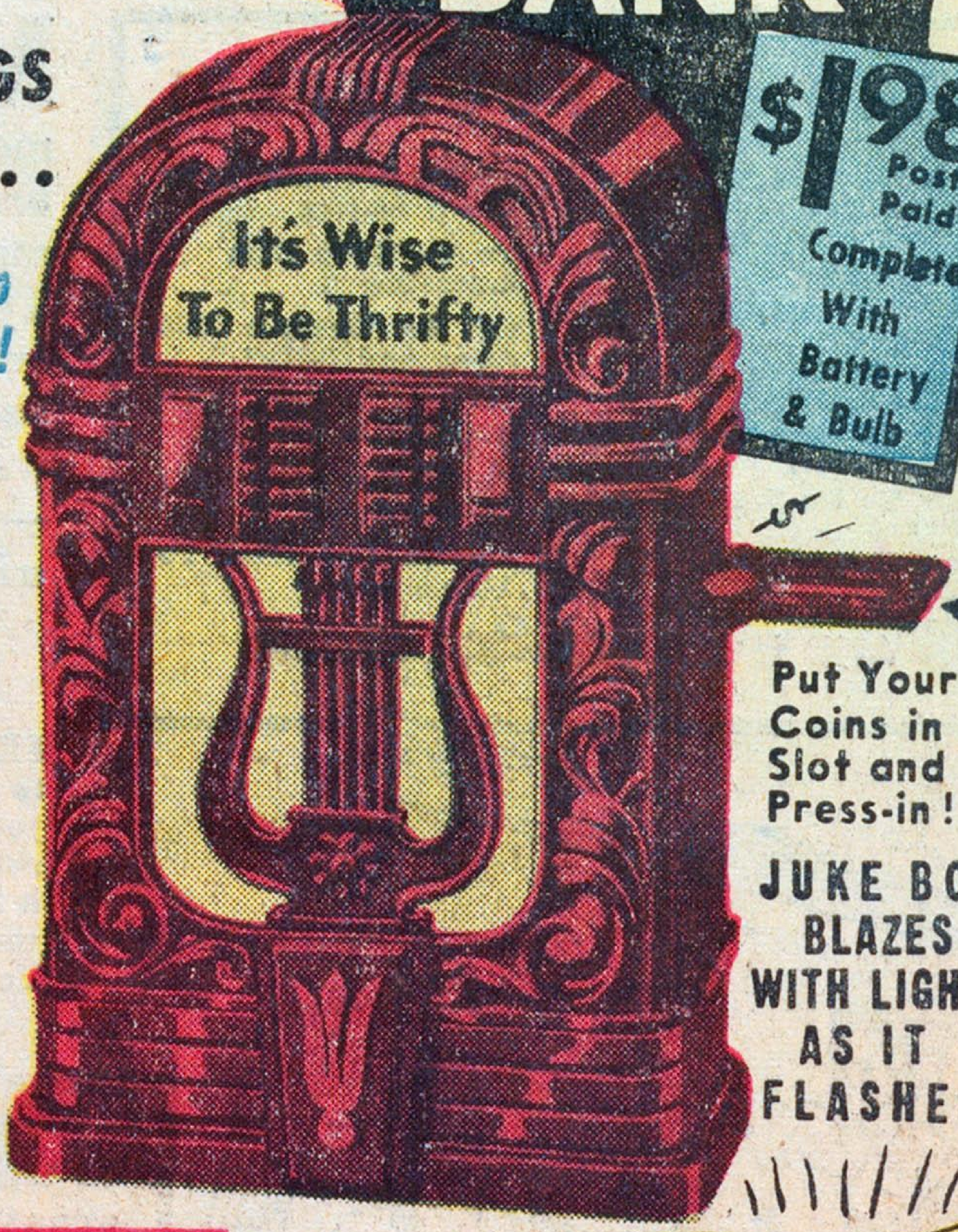
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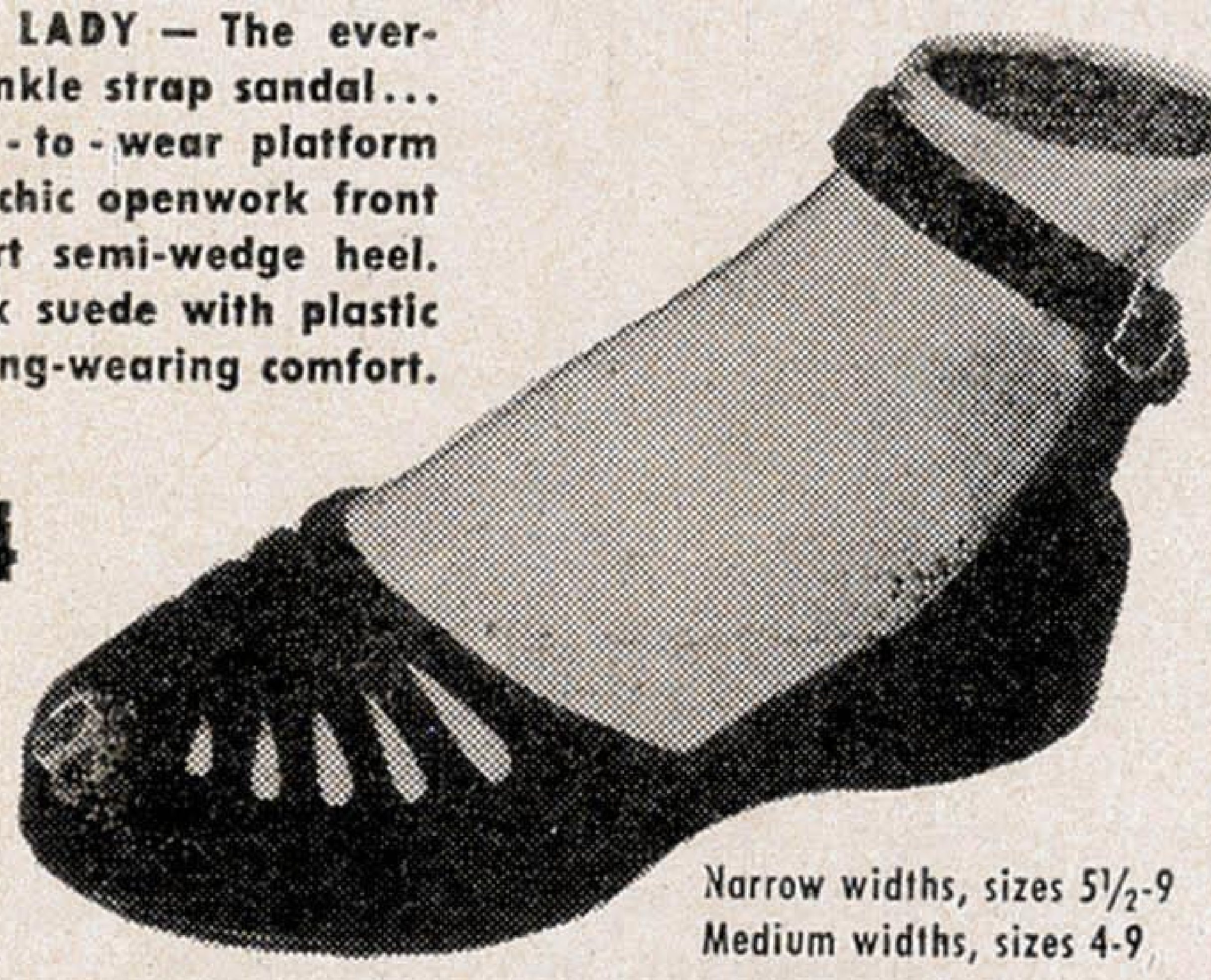

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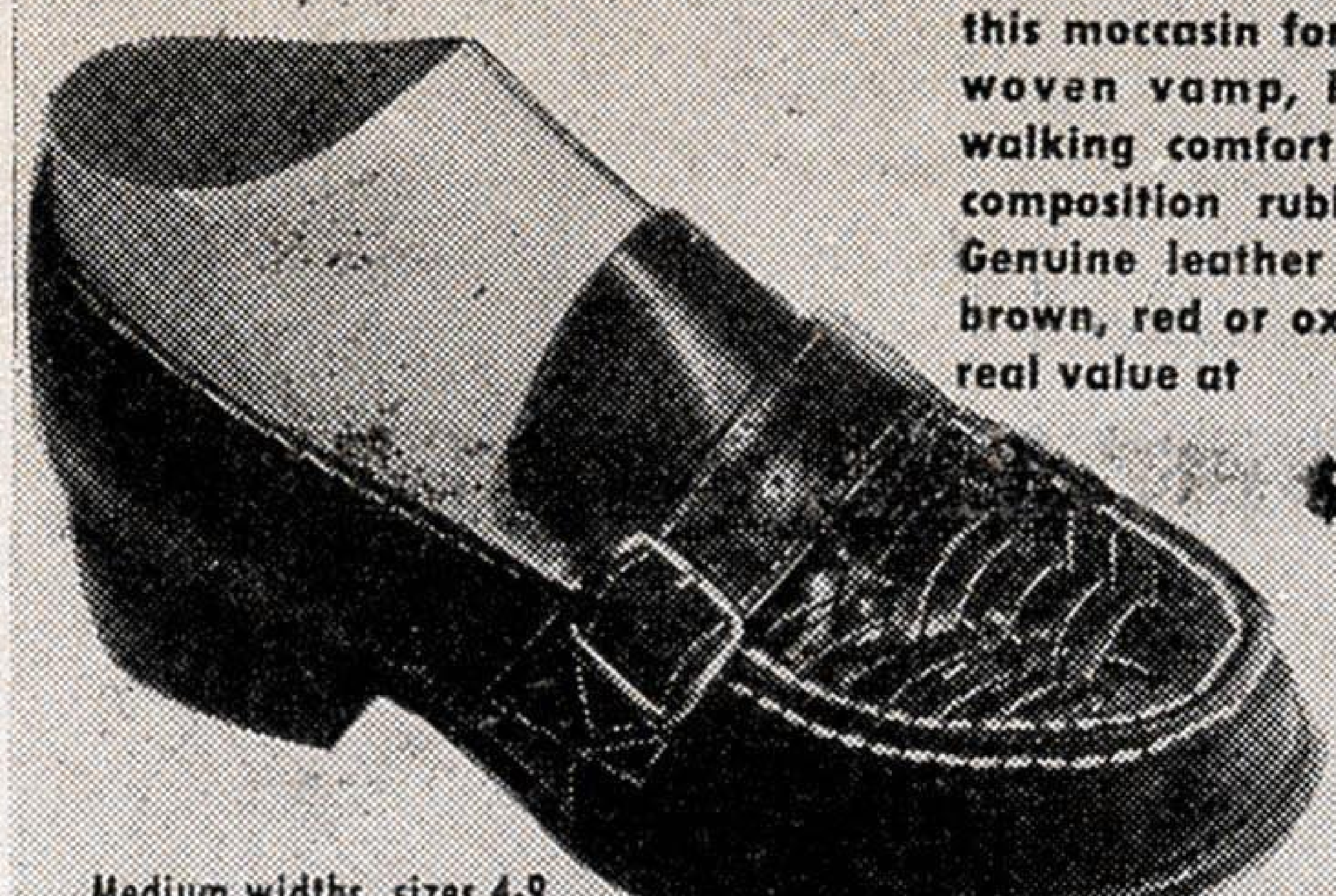

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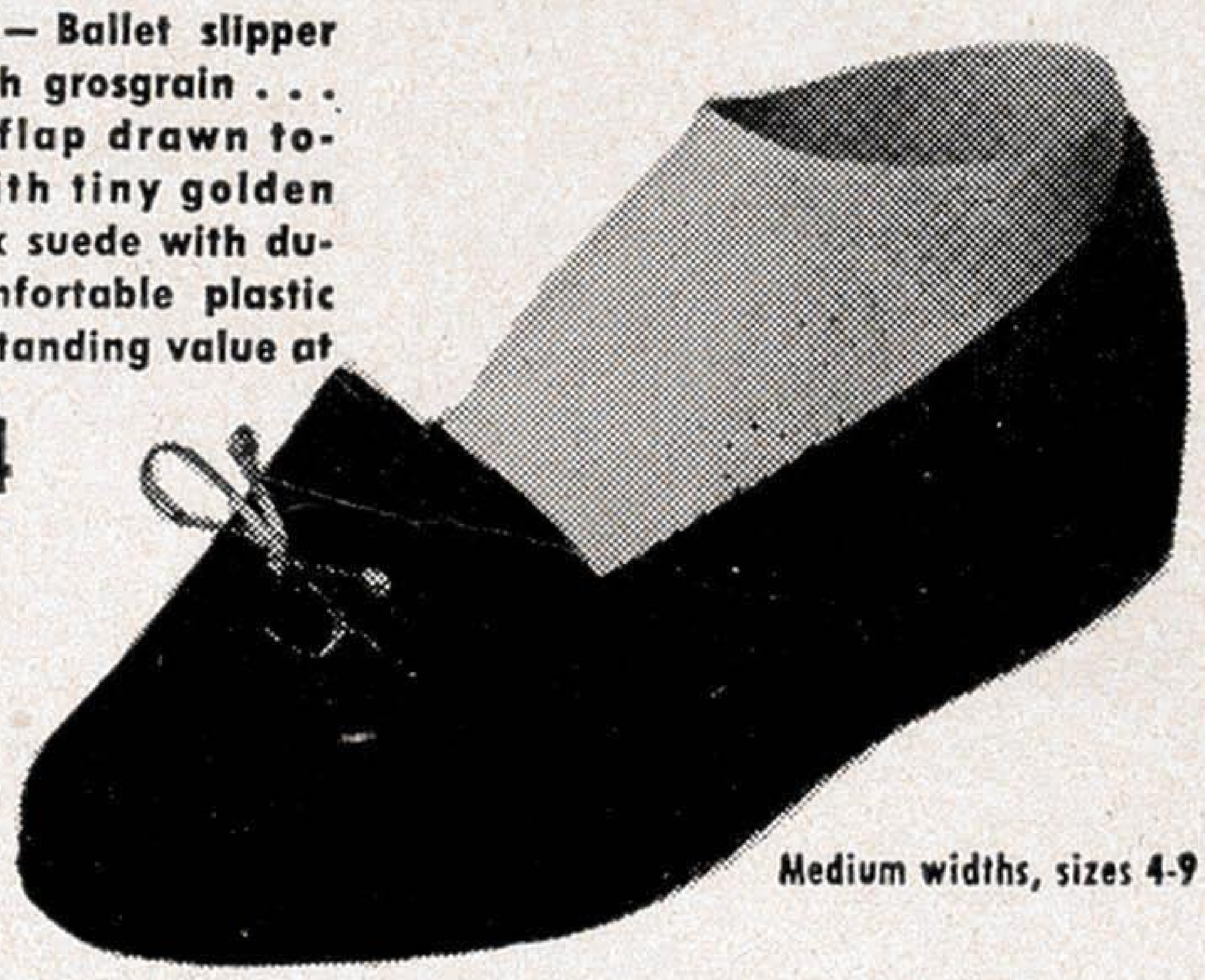

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